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Chiefs to stay in Wisconsin for '04 season

Possibility still exists for Northwest to host in 2005, Boerigter said

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Northwest Athletic Director Bob Boerigter confirmed that the Kansas City Chiefs would not be holding their training camp at Northwest in 2004 Monday.

Boerigter said he received a call from Chiefs' General Manager Carl Peterson last Wednesday saying that the Chiefs would not be coming to Northwest or any other school in Missouri.

Kansas City Chiefs spokesman Bob Moore said that weather was a major reason behind the decision.

"No. 1, the major criteria is humidity and the weather," Moore said. "That is something that no one can control, and in Missouri last year, while training camp was being held in Wisconsin, the humidity was high."

In River Falls, Wis., where the Chiefs hold training camp, the temperatures remain mostly in the 70s with humidity a non-factor.

Another plus for River Falls is the close location to other NFL teams, mainly the Minnesota Vikings, Moore said. The Vikings have been the Chiefs' practice partners since their move to River Falls.

Before moving to River Falls in 1991, the Chiefs worked out in 1991, the Chiefs worked out in 1991, the Chiefs worked out in 1991.

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Influenza strikes early this year

Number of cases is up for this year already

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Severe body aches, headaches, sore throats and coughs have begun to hit Maryville residents hard.

"We are seeing significant amounts of cases, and we usually don't see that until mid-to late-February," said Mary Ebrecht, a St. Francis nurse.

"We are advising people not to go to work or school if they are sick."

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"The position we had a couple of months ago is the same. Our staff and Northwest's staff continues to meet to draft a (agreement between the universities) which is constantly changing."

DAVID RUSSELL
UM SYSTEM UNIVERSITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR
-on where merger talks stand

"I'm pleased with the progress that's been made. It's been a real cordial process, more so than I expected. I expected a hard debate, but everyone worked their best to make it work."

DEAN HUBBARD
NORTHWEST PRESIDENT
-on the progress of the merger

"A lot of hurdles still have to be crossed, but once a bill gets moving, adding an amendment that's similar would be an advantageous thing to do."

TOM VANSAGHI
VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
-on the possibility of adding a merger amendment to the SMSU name change bill

Merger talks resurface

Proposal could go to Regents for vote as soon as January

By AARON BAILEY
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

After months of work, the drafting of a three-page document accelerated Northwest's possible merger with the University of Missouri system yesterday.

The Memorandum of Understanding contains a principle agreement on multiple aspects of the possible merger that, until now, had not been determined. The University's legal counsel must still review the memorandum before the Board of Regents can officially review it.

After both universities' legal counsels revise the document, it will be formally presented to the respective universities' governing boards. Then, it will be presented to Rep. Brad Lager and Sen. David Klindt to introduce to the Missouri legislature if it is approved.

According to Tom Vansaghi, vice president for University Relations, in the president's Cabinet meeting on Nov. 24, members discussed the possibility of adding the merger to a bill concerning the name change of Southwest Missouri State University, which is expected to pass sometime in the 2004 Missouri legislative session that runs from January until May.

"In a conversation between the two presidents (Northwest President Dean Hubbard and University President Elson Floyd),

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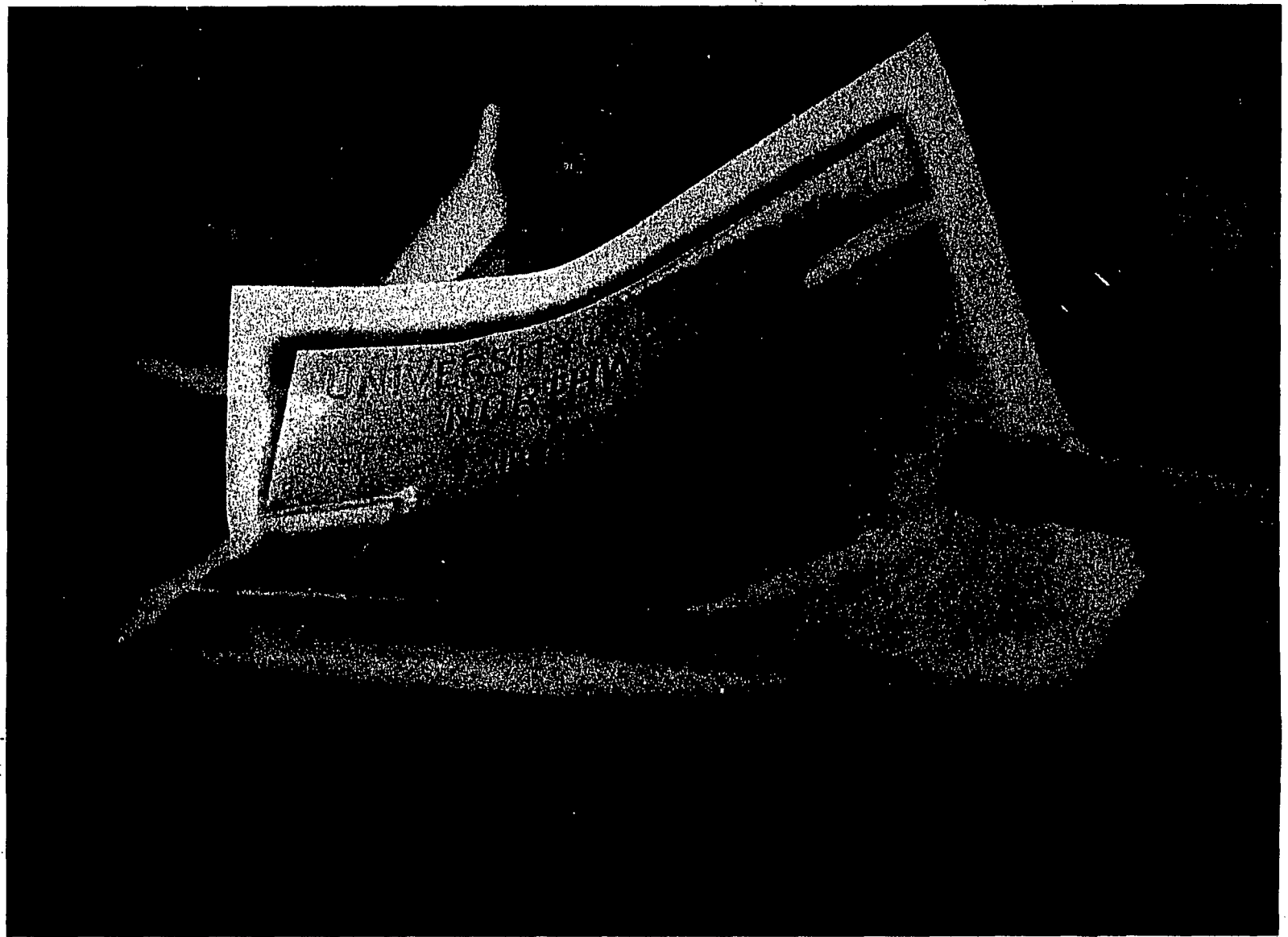


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Merger talks between Northwest and the UM system continue to develop. Now a memorandum has been created allowing Northwest's name to become University of Missouri-Northwest.

How we got to this point in 2003

April 2

Northwest President Dean Hubbard calls his Cabinet together to discuss a possible merger with University of Missouri system.



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

April 7

Northwest students and faculty attend a question and answer session with Hubbard and University of Missouri system President Elson Floyd. Topics include the merger, tuition hikes, traditions and faculty decision input.

University of Missouri-System President Elson Floyd answered several questions at the April 7 town hall meeting.

April 13

In an emergency Board of Regents meeting, the Regents vote 6-1 in favor of the merger with one member abstaining.



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Sept. 17

State Rep. Brad Lager states that he will not let the merger continue forward unless questions are answered. He said this during an emergency session with Faculty Senate.

State Rep. Brad Lager has shared his concerns with officials about the possible merger.

Oct. 1

Merger talks between Hubbard and Floyd decelerate because they realized they would not meet the Jan. 1 deadline to have an enabling legislation ready for state legislature.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said a decision will be made at the next Board of Regents meeting.

Dec. 2

University of Missouri officials visit with Hubbard and other Northwest officials and work out problems that were pointed out by legislators.



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

National guardsmen head for duty

Soldiers given sendoff, ready for active duty

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Fighting back tears, Maryville resident Kari Simpson said goodbye to her son Josh Tuesday as he left for training. She said it was tough to see her only son leave for active duty.

"He wants to go; he's prepared and has a good attitude

about it," Simpson said. "I'm so proud of him, and it's just amazing that he wants to do this, to go and represent the U.S. like this."

Simpson said she thinks her son is more prepared than she is to have him leave, but she hopes he comes home safe.

Simpson, among many other mothers, wives, girlfriends, fathers and community members came to say their goodbyes and to show their support for the First Battalion of the 129th

Field Artillery men.

Simpson said she thinks the soldiers needed the ceremony. "There all so young, and they needed to know that the community supports them," Simpson said.

Albany resident Jennie Brown said the soldier send-off ceremony was a difficult one. Brown said she has friends serving in the war in Iraq, and her feelings during the ceremony were those of great pride.

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PHOTO BY NIKI CARDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Evelyn Summa and Madsen Stiens offer words of support for Kyle Stiens and the men of the First Battalion of the 129th Field Artillery. "These are a great bunch of boys and leaving was not their choice, but they felt it was their duty," Summa said.

Baldrige slips through hands of Northwest once more

Hubbard: It is 'like being nominated for an Oscar'

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

After one month of anticipation, President Dean Hubbard received word that Northwest fell short of winning the national Baldrige Award.

Palatine, Ill., won this year's Baldrige Award, which is given to institutions demonstrating quality.

However, Hubbard is pleased with how close Northwest came.

"Being a finalist is like being nominated for an Oscar," Hubbard said. "Being nominated is a huge victory. We were the only college or university in the nation nominated for the top two."

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Web Exclusive:

For the results of Proposition A, a story on Maryville's long lasting tradition of Toys for Tots, and a new tradition of Habitat for Humanity log on to Missouriianonline.com.

This week's Buzz reviews:

Check out a DVD review of "Pirates of the Caribbean," a Christmas movie review extravaganza of "Elf" and "Bad Santa," a Ludacris album review and the KNOT party on the Buzz at Missouriianonline.com

Last week's poll:

What's your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

40.0% Colt 45 and a Happy Meal
35.8% Turkey and Stuffing
22.1% Pumpkin Pie
2.1% Leftover pizza

Missourianonline.com will be on Holiday Break as well beginning next week. Thanks for logging on this semester!

Equestrian club lacking

By LIZZI SEXTON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As temperatures drop, inequities among campus organizations are rising, leaving equestrians out in the cold.

"We just want somewhere to practice," said Keri Kern, vice president of the Equestrian Club. "We don't care about horses or not having clothes."

After being granted official status from Student Senate, the first semester of operation has been nothing short of a bumpy ride for members of the Equestrian Club.

Lacking both practice facilities and horses, Northwest's Equestrian Club has found itself in competition with University-funded teams like Kansas State. The athletic program at KSU provides the varsity team transportation, horses, facilities and additional equipment, including chaps and vests that can cost up to \$150 a piece.

According to Amanda Husbands, her team is at a "definite disadvantage" because most teams in their division are able to practice two to four times a week under separate coaches for Western and English style riding.

"It's very competitive," said Husbands, the club's president. "We have two girls who have been excellent riders for most of their lives that are now struggling just to compete."

Weather permitting, the self-funded Northwest team is able to hold outdoor practices on Thursdays. Husbands, a full-time student, spends the afternoon catching horses from her pasture in New Market, Iowa. After the usually muddy horses are cleaned and saddled, Husbands loads them into her trailer, fills her gas tank with diesel fuel and travels 45 minutes to

practice.

"It's not cheap," Husbands said of the expenses she bears each week to provide the team with practice horses.

Despite Husbands' efforts, Northwest's team remains disadvantaged. With the exception of the Southwest Missouri State University team, every competitor in the region has practice horses provided by their schools.

Currently, the 15 members of the Northwest team pay a \$25 membership fee, which covers entry fees, traveling and lodging expenses, in addition to two separate membership dues for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.

With at least four more competitions ahead, the club has been granted Student Senate appropriations.

According to Ari Larson, department chair of agriculture, the Rodeo Team, which is separate from the Rodeo Club, runs on an allocated budget from the University and is reimbursed for expenses occurred during competitions. However, Paul Klute, Northwest Student Regent, reported that the Rodeo Team and Equestrian Club share the same privileges regarding University accounts.

Currently, the University provides an arena for the Rodeo Team, but no facilities for the equestrians. In mid-November, Klute and members of the team began discussions about the team's options for shelter.

"I'm still working on finding a facility, if at all possible," Klute said.

Klute noted that the decision regarding the use of campus farm facilities is in the hands of the agriculture department.

Husbands and her team currently face the obstacle of insurance liability. While the University provides

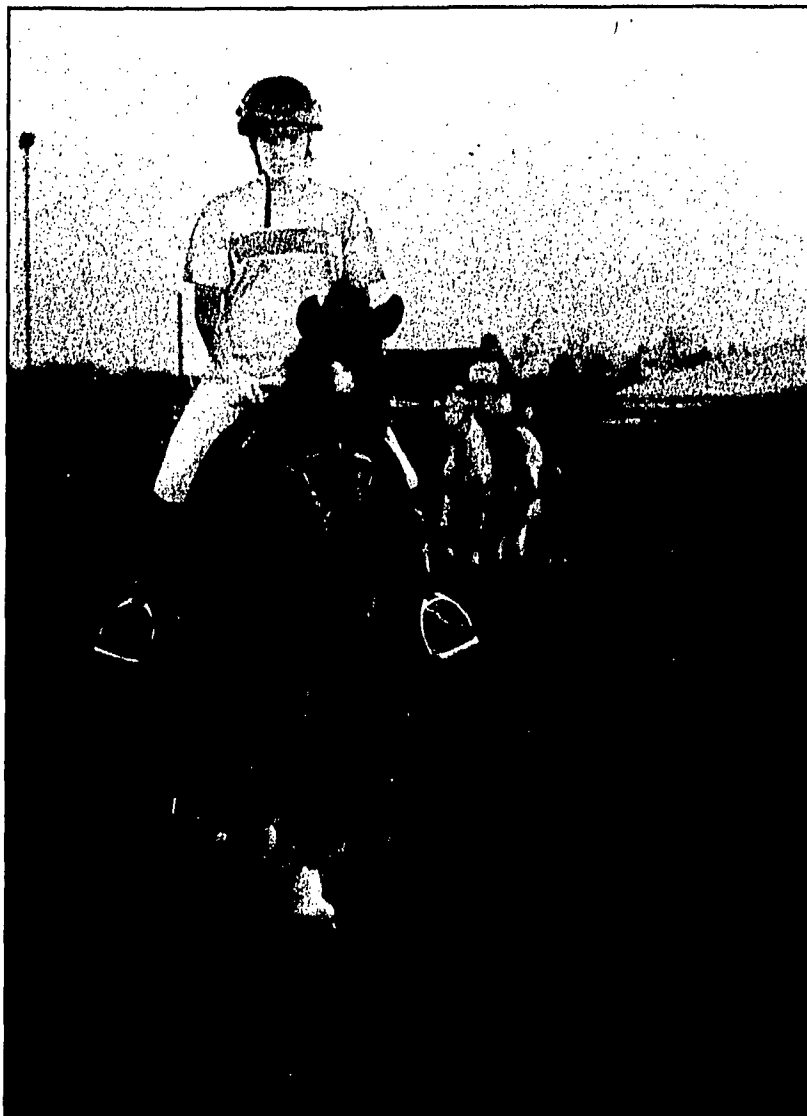


PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Equestrian club member Becca Murphy rides English style during her first night of practice this fall. The club is currently facing problems finding practice facilities and horses.

some insurance coverage for Rodeo events, according to Klute, it doesn't have the funds to cover insurance policies for every organization. In addition, it is unclear if the University can extend insurance policies to the city's indoor arena, which is the club's second option.

While the team is searching for a facility, it is investigating the process of becoming a varsity sport.

"Of course, we might have to prove ourselves before they let us do

that," Husbands said. "But we represent our school well."

Before winter weather stops the team in its tracks, they hope that the University will take notice of the inequities surrounding the situation. According to Husbands, many of the girls on the equestrian team come from a 4-H background and are limited at Northwest by rodeo-only events.

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Excellent teaching awarded

By MIKAELA KOILE
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Sue Frucht will receive the annual Governor's Award for Excellence in teaching today at a luncheon in Springfield.

Every year, one teacher from each Missouri college or university is nominated to be recognized. This year's Northwest teacher was chosen because of her hard work and dedication to the education of her students.

Gregg Dieringer, biology department chair, said that Frucht was a natural choice for nomination.

"She is a teacher who is very professional and maintains high expectations of herself and others," Dieringer said.

Nick Boelter, junior pre-professional zoology major, said Frucht's work experience before teaching adds a lot to her classrooms.

"You can tell she loves teaching because she is always very friendly and enthusiastic," Boelter said. "She has had real world experience, so, when she says something, she knows. It makes her classes much more enjoyable."

Frucht is very involved at Northwest outside of teaching. Some of those activities include being the adviser to the Pre-Medical Profession Club and Alpha Chi Scholastic Honor Society. She has also co-authored a medical terminology book.

"It is very gratifying to have your work recognized," Frucht said. "I really enjoy explaining how things work and interacting with college-aged students. I enjoy my job."

University Events

Monday through Friday:
Finals week

Sunday through Wednesday:
KXCV/KRNW's Williamsburg
by Candlelight Tour

Thurs. 4 ■ Encore: "Cats," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Auditorium

■ Peer Education meetings/training
■ KXCV/KRNW Patron Night, 5:45 p.m.
■ Yuletide Feaste, 6:30 p.m., Student Union Ballroom

Fri. 5 ■ Art Club Pottery sale, 4-8 p.m., Fine Arts Ceramic Room
■ Yuletide Feaste, 6:30 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
■ Steve Mayes 3-D Illustration exhibit closes, Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery
■ GED, 8 a.m.

Sat. 6 ■ Art Club Pottery sale, 4-8 p.m., Fine Arts Ceramic Room
■ Yuletide Feaste, 6:30 p.m., Student Union Ballroom
■ C-Base, 8 a.m.

Sun. 7 ■ Theater: APO Children's Show

Mon. 8 ■ No events

Tues. 9 ■ No events

Wed. 10 ■ Institutional TOEFL

Geography professor gains support from governor

Gov. Bob Holden appointed Gregory Haddock to help with environment concerns

By GINNY FRANCIS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A letter faxed from Gov. Bob Holden laid in Gregory Haddock's fax machine for three hours before he picked it up and discovered the good news.

Holden had appointed Haddock to a four-year term with Missouri's Land Reclamation Commission.

The seven-member commission consists of three statutory members and four public members. The public members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Missouri State Senate. The members oversee the state's mining operations and enforce statutes that protect the public and environment from mining regions.

Haddock said the aesthetic appeal of the land is detrimentally affected by mining regions, and when certain material is mined, it can leave behind tailings, or leftover material from unrefined ore, that



PHOTO BY LAURA CADY/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Gregory Haddock, associate professor of geography, was recently appointed commissioner by the governor for the Land Reclamation Commission. "There are a lot of environmental concerns that need to be issued," said Haddock. "I'm very excited to represent Northwest in this way."

can come in unhealthy concentrations.

"There's a lot of environmental concerns that need to be considered whenever mines are operating and definitely when they're closing, so, you have to be able to prepare the land after the use of mining for proper economic development," Haddock said.

Currently, Haddock is the

chairman of the Department of Geology/Geography and associate professor of geography at Northwest.

Vice President for University Relations and Northwest lobbyist Tom Vansaghi was informed of the vacant position on the commission board and passed the information on to the University.

"Since I've been at Northwest,

I've always been on the lookout for qualified people for these positions," Vansaghi said. "We usually get good applicants from the St. Louis and Kansas City area, but we've been challenged in getting good, qualified members from the smaller regions of the state until now."

Haddock said, when he was informed of the vacancy, he immediately thought it'd be a great way to represent Northwest and expand on his professional career while helping the state of Missouri at the same time.

"It just makes me feel more confident that I can speak my mind on issues like this, and I'm very excited to represent Northwest in this way," Haddock said. "I hope it opens doors so, when more positions like this open up, Northwest can be involved."

In January, Haddock will travel to Jefferson City to get his appointment confirmed by the Missouri Senate.

"Being on this commission is going to challenge me and kind of stretch me in some ways to be able to discern information and help in the decision-making process with some policies made in our state," Haddock said. "I think it'll be an enjoyable four years."

'Cats' claws its way to sold-out show

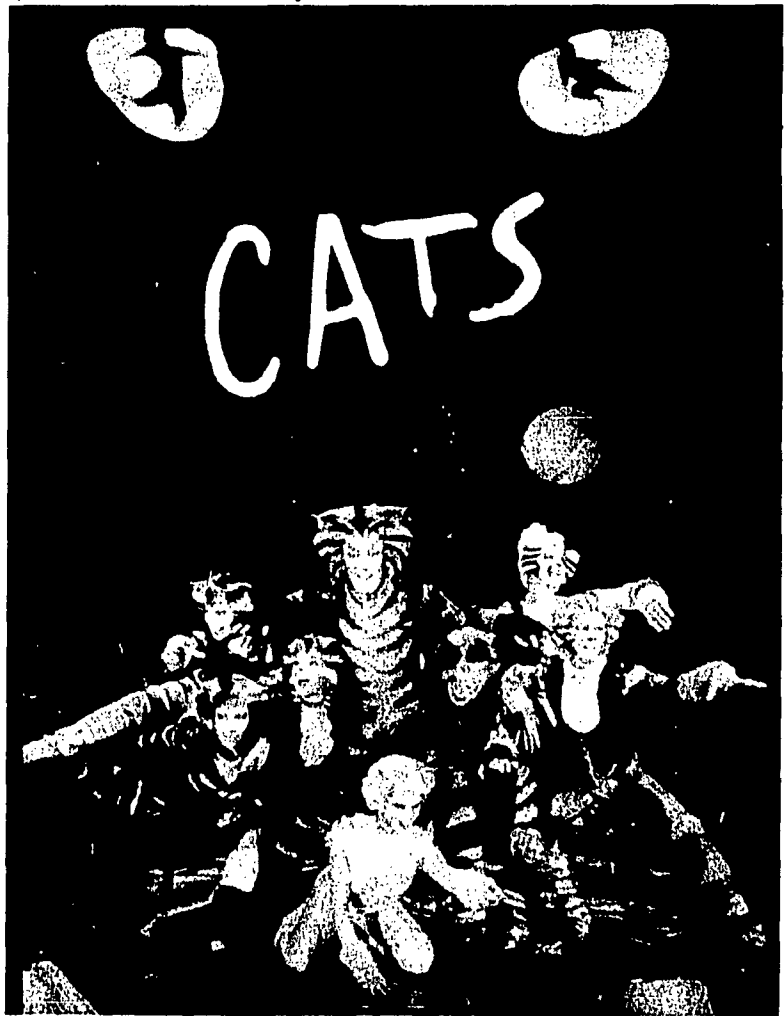


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The Broadway smash hit "Cats" makes its way to Mary Linn Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show went on sale in October and sold out within a matter of weeks.

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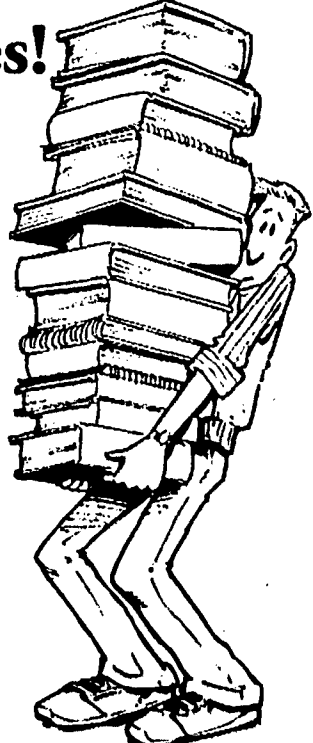
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Drive-up Krispy Kreme coming soon

St. Gregory's School will sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts from various drive-up locations on the first Friday morning of each month, beginning tomorrow. Those delectable table doughnuts will arrive at 6:30 a.m. at four locations: A&G Restaurant, Comfort Inn, Taco John's and LMP Steel & Wire.

Stop by on your way to school, work or home and treat your classmates, co-workers, family or yourself. Doughnuts are boxed and sold by the dozen for \$5 each.

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"We needed to help support our school, but we wanted something different, something fun and convenient, something that the Maryville Community would look forward to," said Sonja Hennigler, St. Gregory's School principal. "So we came up with Drive-up Doughnuts."

School board filing dates set for openings

The dates for filing for the two openings for the Maryville School Board are fast approaching. Candidates may file at the Administration Building at 1429 S. Munn Ave. beginning Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Administration Building will be closed from Monday, Dec. 22, to Monday, Jan. 5, and also on Jan. 19.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, is the official closing date for candidate filing. Candidates may file from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day. Office hours for filing will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. otherwise.

The requirements for those interested are as follows: they must be a citizen of the United States; pay taxes within the boundaries of the school district; have resided in Missouri for at least a year preceding the day of election, which is April 6; and be at least 24 years old.

A successful candidate who has never served on the school board will need to complete a 16-hour orientation and training within one year of election. The Missouri School Board Association and the Missouri Association of Rural Educators will provide the workshops for this training and orientation.

Santa Claus came to town



Brady Blackford visits Santa Monday night and tells him he is 5 years old. "I want a jeep with lights on top that you can get into and drive," Blackford told Santa. The Maryville Christmas ceremony was held at the Nodaway County Courthouse where residents gathered to watch the city square light up for the holidays. Horse-drawn carriages were also available to take family and friends around Maryville to get a glimpse of the Christmas lights.

PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Emergency workers train for worst

By JANELLE DAVID
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Public Health workers, nurses and emergency responders convened this week to ensure safety among area residents.

Nodaway County Health Center and Local Public Health Regional Response Planners Julie Livengood and Judy Frueh conducted an Emergency Response Workshop Dec. 2 at St. Gregory's. The workshop was intended to raise awareness of potential crisis events and prepare a common plan of action for such circumstances.

"Our goal is to have the community come together because we'll need to rely on each other during a crisis," Frueh said. "We need to know what the left and the right hand is doing, so, right now, our job is to collaborate all our efforts within each entity."

The workshop was geared toward bioterrorism issues, including communicable diseases and concerns with hazardous and chemical materials.

Marty Altman, chief of operations for Hazardous Materials Re-

sponse Team for Region H, began the workshop. Altman gave descriptions of several hazardous materials.

HAZMAT was recently trained to identify hazardous materials at the scene of any kind of chemical exposure. A Decontamination Tent was also brought in to display the recent advances in decontamination technology.

"Prevention is always the key in everything we do," Frueh said. "We must be able to identify something before we can treat it."

Dr. Lisa Becton, a veterinarian from Premium Standard Farms in Mercer County, addressed the workshop upon disease surveillance, biosecurity procedure development and implementation for training of personnel.

"As a rural area, there's a major concern about potential contamination in our water and food," Frueh said. "It's important for us to see the problems that may exist if animals and surroundings are not secured."

The workshop also emphasized the risk involved with living in the Midwest.

"I have learned that agriculture is a big factor in terrorism because

of the prevalence of chemicals involved," said Marcia Rippe, certified registered nurse and Red Cross nurse at Heartland Health in St. Joseph.

Dr. Ruth Carrico at the University of Louisville Hospital concluded the workshop with an interactive presentation which distinguished the signs and symptoms of major infectious diseases.

Make-up experts dressed up volunteers with various types of diseases to portray how an infected individual will appear.

"We live in a society where we're afraid and embarrassed to point out something that looks peculiar," Frueh said. "We need to learn to be more assertive in telling people that they should get evaluated by a doctor."

Overall, the response planners felt the event went well.

"Looking at the evaluations, everyone felt the speakers gave educational and effective deliveries with a variety of information," Frueh said. "We definitely achieved what we set out to do, and that was to educate and inform those attending the workshop."



PHOTO BY NIKI CORDER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Teri Harr takes the vital signs of a full functional patient simulator during Tuesday's Emergency Response seminar. The patient simulator is a computer-operated device that allows doctors to expose students to hundreds of medical emergencies.

Unique gift-giving

By STEPHANIE STANGL
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Barbie dolls and Tonka trucks won't be the only gifts local residents are giving this year.

SERRV International, a nonprofit alternative trade organization, compiled crafts from every continent to sell as Christmas gifts at the First Christian Church's Alternative Christmas Fair. The gifts range from Christmas ornaments made in Peru to nativity sets from the West Bank of Israel.

"The money (from the crafts) goes back to those communities to the people that made them," said Lee Yates, the co-pastor of the church. "They are getting way more than what they would get if they sold it locally."

According to Yates, they have already raised more than \$400 for the other outreach projects when they held two other fairs at the end of last month.

"Most of the customers have been members of our congregation, but we have had other folks dropping in," Yates said. "In some ways, it's an invitation to the community into our building."

There is another section of gifts available of a more unusual nature.

Customers can purchase gift cards from various humanitarian organizations to help those in need around the world and right here in the community.

"For Heifer Project International, you could get a flock of chicks for a community for \$20," Yates said. "You get a card that you give to someone that says you gave this gift in honor of them, and then you give them the card as a Christmas present."

Yates said, equally as valuable as the funds raised, is the heightened education spreading throughout the community.

"Somebody can look at the menu of giving that we have and never spend a dime at our fair and still be educated on what it costs to serve the needs of people in our community," Yates said. "That means a lot."

The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Community events

■ Toys for Tots will run today through Dec. 5. Toy donations can be dropped off at Watkins, Wal-Mart, Dollar General, Hardee's, Rod's Hallmark and Citizen's Bank and Trust.

Thurs. ■ **Parent's Day Out**, First Christian Church, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fri. ■ **Artist's Studio Tour** 5

Sat. ■ **Artist's Studio Tour** 6
■ **Women's Christmas luncheon**, First Presbyterian Church, 11:30 a.m.

Sun. ■ **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**, St. Paul's Church, 7 p.m.
■ **Alternative Christmas Fair**, First Christian Church, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

Mon. ■ **No Events** 8

Tues. ■ **TOPS**, First Christian Church, 5:30 p.m. 9

Wed. ■ **Christmas Story** 10
Hours, Maryville Public Library, 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m., registration required.
■ **Rehearsal of "Angels"**, First Presbyterian Church, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Our View

Dead week is dead

Overwhelming tests, quizzes and assignments the week before finals take their toll on frazzled students

Don't you, as Northwest students, just love the week before finals? Many of us are cramming for finals next week, but they are also writing papers or taking tests in those same classes.

The Northwest Missourian understands if a teacher wants to give a final during the week before finals, or that night classes hold their finals this same week.

What The Northwest Missourian has an issue with is the workload given to students because some teachers have not planned properly throughout the semester.

We at The Missourian would like to propose a dead week for the week before finals. Many other area universities such as Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln already have the policy in place.

What it would be is an amendment to Northwest's constitution that would allow students to focus on studying for finals. Students would still go to class, but no assignments would be due that week.

In Iowa State's constitution, dead week is described as having the intent "to provide students with time for review and preparation for final exams."

Nebraska's is much the same and states that, "projects, papers and speeches scheduled for completion during the last week of classes must have been assigned in writing by the end of the eighth week of the semester. This refers to the project and its scope, but not the topic."

We at The Missourian have no problem with papers that were assigned way ahead of time, and students are given the chance to get it done before the week before finals. It is papers or presentations or projects that are given in the last three to four weeks that causes the problems.

Student Senate is already trying to press for an activity fee, and we have commended them for their efforts. Another area we feel they should address is the implementation of a dead week.

We don't think there will be many students protesting it, and chances are that overall grades on finals would rise as well.

So, for students who have two papers and two finals the week before finals week, do something about it. Approach the Student Senate politely and see what they can do to help the student body.

Be proactive and you can make a difference.

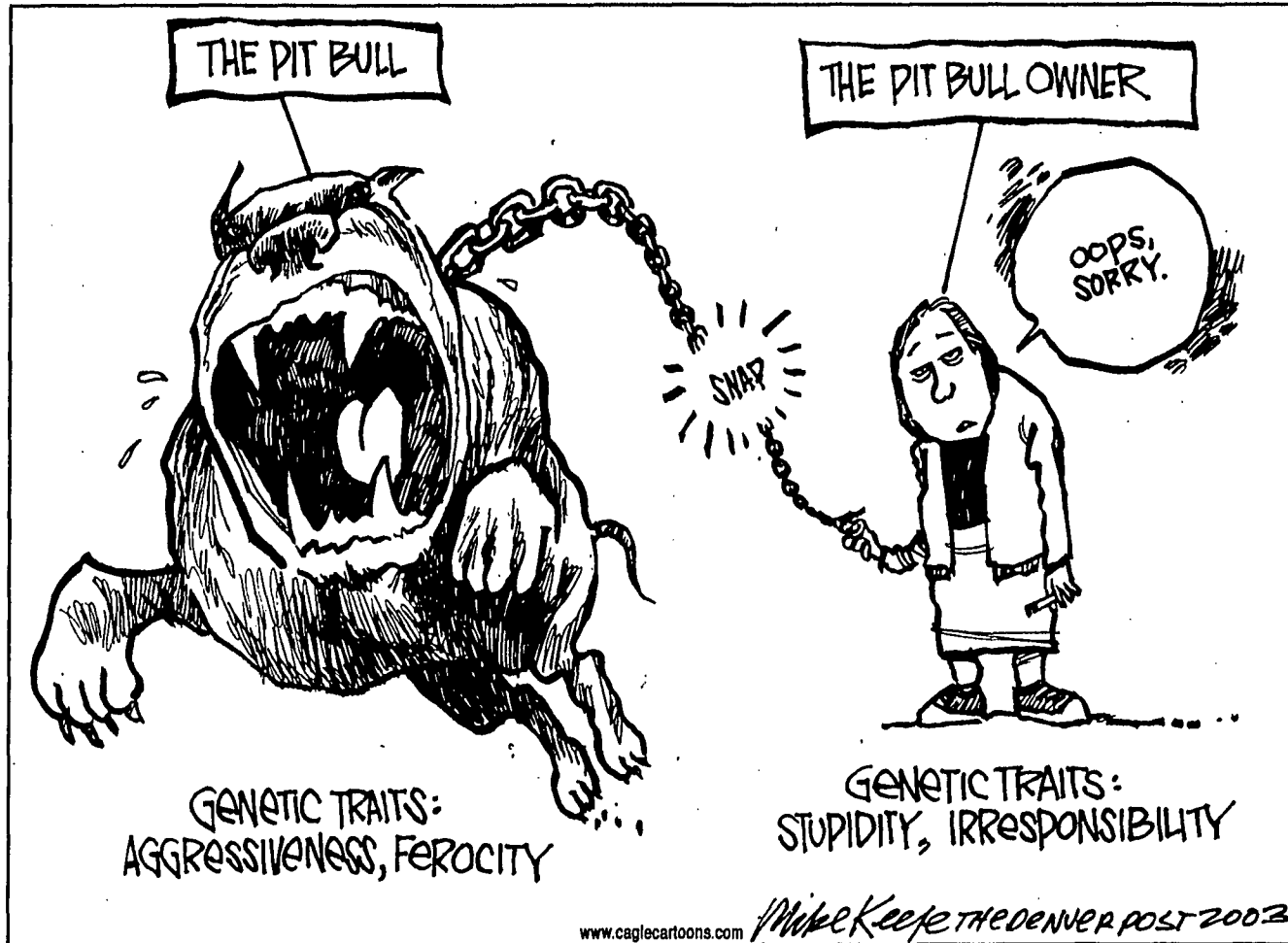
CORRECTIONS

■ In the November 13 issue of *The Northwest Missourian*, a feature on page 5A entitled "Was War Okay?" misattributed quotes and titles to professors Richard Fulton, professor of history, humanities, philosophy and political science, and Mark Jelavich, professor of accounting, economics and finance. The quotes should have read as follows:

Fulton: "Weapons of mass destruction are in many countries. The question is, is it in our national interest? If so, we must attack North Korea, which is a wacko country with a wacko leader. It may be the most dangerous country in the world, but I don't think they have oil, do they?"

Jelavich: "Although the current events are depressing, it doesn't mean this isn't just a war. Saddam Hussein's regime was modern tyranny at its worst."

The Northwest Missourian apologizes for the errors.



Ailing relative teaches a true lesson in strength

Warning: This may be the most emotional column you read before holiday break.

What a semester. Yes, it's been one hell of a trip these last 13 weeks (Has it been 13 weeks already?).

Since Aug. 17, I've experienced everything (and I do mean everything) a college student can imagine, or so I thought.

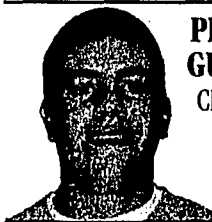
There was heat stroke, there was temporary residency in my truck, there was the whacked phone call to Domino's that ended with the employee telling me, "You really need to stay off of that crack."

So, yeah, it sucked. But on the Friday after Thanksgiving, I realized that I didn't have it bad at all. In fact, I was a pretty big wimp compared to what I saw that day.

After making the 40-mile trek from Omaha to Lincoln, Neb., I saw the effects of cancer up close and in person. I thought I was prepared for seeing a cancer survivor doing her best to be strong while only weighing a measly 80 pounds. I wasn't.

But what took me back even more was the way this survivor willed her way to get up and move through her house, all while casting a smile from cheek to cheek, as if

Under the 'Scope



PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
CHIEF REPORTER

to say, "I'm all right."

This survivor just happens to be my aunt. And after battling for more than a year, nurses say she only has a week left. But you wouldn't know that by talking to her or by watching her play with her grandchildren.

And even though death may be around the corner, she still hasn't lost her humor. When my family and I were sitting with her watching a football game, my sister gasped (as only Princess can), "Ewww, did somebody fart?"

After a little hesitation, Sandy calmly said, "I have a confession to make; it was me!"

Ironically enough, her beloved Huskers beat the hated Colorado

Buffaloes that day. And she put the finishing touches on her collection of Christmas houses as a new Coke bottle house came in last week. The room is now illuminated with lights, just like Sandy illuminates every room she enters.

Even though her days may be numbered, I still call her a "survivor." She is a true inspiration. But it isn't just her. It's all cancer survivors who have fought the good fight and have ran the long and tiring race.

Cancer is a slow and agonizing disease. And even though there isn't a "cure" for it, there is one thing that is even better: hope.

As I sat in church this past week, the pastor said something in his sermon that stuck with me. "Human beings that don't have hope will die," he said.

But for Sandy and all the other cancer victims, they hope and pray every day that the disease will pass.

So as Finals Week is just around the corner, and as you spend hour after hour cramming for that impossible final, remember the cancer victims throughout the world before saying, "This has to be the worst anyone can have it."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Amnesty International criticism proves unnecessary

Having read "Choose Battles Wisely" in the Nov. 20 edition of *The Northwest Missourian*, I am appalled. As a member of Amnesty International, I'm incredibly offended by your comments despite your token reassurances of support. Referring to the wall simulation as a "giant trash bag"? Explain to me where your journalistic integrity is in that comment. No, we didn't build a real wall. A real wall wouldn't have been feasible in these circumstances, and it shouldn't require brick and mortar for people to respect an action taken to raise awareness. It may not have been a hate crime; the fact that the wall was torn down is incredibly disrespectful.

As far as the one-sided politics you accuse us of, I understand both sides of this conflict. We chose to highlight the Palestinian side because there is less sympathy for Palestinians in the United States and less news about illegal actions against them.

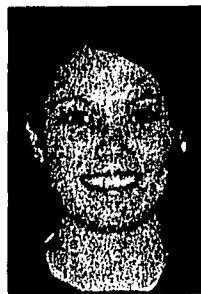
We are trying to make a difference and help people make a difference. Before the wall was torn down, we wanted people to sign it, showing support for Palestinians and disagreement with the wall. About the burtons, we aren't selling them; we're asking for donations, all of which are going to UNICEF and Defense for Children International. We're still taking donations so people can take action. Our

goal isn't to "force" our "side" of things. Our goal is raise awareness so that people will educate themselves. This is a university after all.

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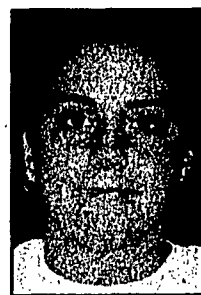
YOUR VIEW

What's your New Year's resolution, and how long do you intend to keep it?



"Next semester, I do not want to get a grade of a C or below. This will last all semester!"

Amanda Fichtner
Math



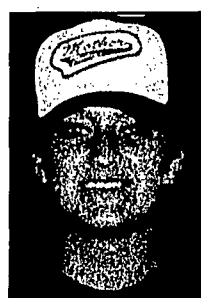
"My New Year's resolution is to lose weight, and I am going to work at it until I have lost as much as I want."

Cindy White
Elementary
Education



"I need to stop eating so many ding dongs. I predict I will keep this for four and a half weeks."

Derek Folan
Pre-Dentistry



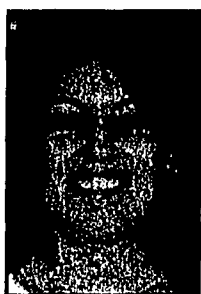
"I need to cut down on the Wal-Mart runs. I hope to cut it down to only one trip a week! I can hold out for six months."

Hannah Ryder
Undecided



"My goal is to be more positive in negative situations. I will remain a positive person probably for a week."

Jenna Link
Elementary
Education



"My New Year's resolution is to be a more independent person. I would like to keep it for as long as I am in college."

Nikki Lutzen
Business



"My New Year's resolution is to not eat as much pizza. This may last three weeks."

Sarah Bornholdt
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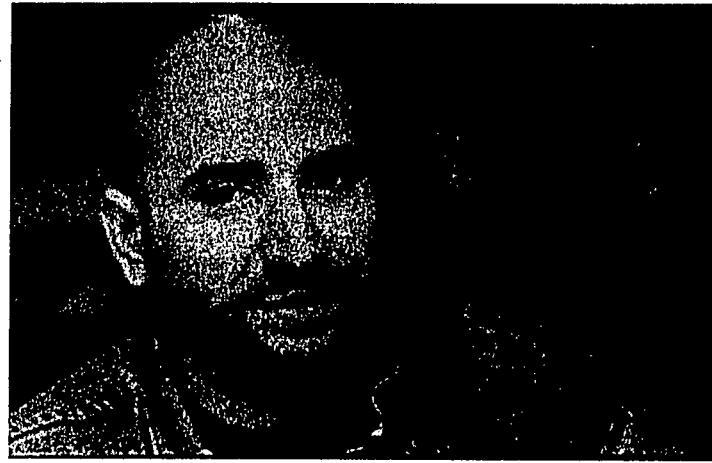
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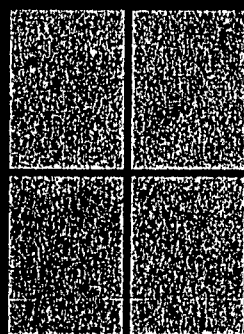
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Merger talks resurface between Northwest and U of M

of Missouri system President Elson Floyd), if it all fell in place, this could be a possible vehicle, but at this point, nothing's been finalized," Vansaghi said. "Publicly, we've stated we won't pursue this legislative session at this point. We're just looking into possibilities. A lot of hurdles still have to be crossed, but once a bill gets moving, adding an amendment that's similar would be an advantageous thing to do."

But Hubbard accounts the meeting differently and stressed that the merger is still a long way off from being considered by the Missouri legislature and that possible legislation has not been formally discussed. Instead, Hubbard said he was trying to convey information to the Cabinet about the status of the SMSU name change bill.

David Russell, director of University Relations for the University of Missouri, concurs with Hubbard that the possibility of a merger amendment to the SMSU name change bill, at this point, hasn't been mentioned in the merger talks.

"No, there has been no discussions along these lines," Russell said. "I think it's way too early to see what will happen from the legislative aspect—it's all speculative."

Vansaghi agreed with Hubbard that, before legislation of any kind is considered, the memorandum has to be finalized, which is still a long way from happening.

A rough draft of the memorandum was sent to members of the Board of Regents on Tuesday night, but the Board will not formally discuss the issue until January.

"I don't think the questions have been answered," said Regent Doug Sutton. "What we agreed to do is a memorandum and make sure everyone understands what will happen. This is still part of the slowdown (of the merger talks) process, but there was no intent to slow this down. We wanted more information, and we didn't want to put a timeline on anything until everyone's ready to make a decision."

Steve Lehmkuhle, vice president of Academic Affairs for the University of Missouri was on campus Tuesday and met

Students, faculty react to talks

By JANEA PHILIP
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Conflicting responses about the UM system merger is stirring mixed emotions within the faculty, staff and students.

"Nobody really knows exactly what the merger is," fashion merchandising major, Terryn Lindsey, said. "It's too vague." "I don't know what's going on."

A recent meeting revealed the possibility of the Northwest being attached to the name changing legislation of Southwest Missouri State University. If the agreement is approved, it could be passed by the 2004 legislative session in May.

Fred Lamer, assistant professor of mass communication, believes the merger can be positive for the University.

"Although the process seems to stutter, I think the outcomes haven't changed," Lamer said. "I prefer to think they'll be positive outcomes."

While Lamer remains optimistic, some students question the lack of details.

"I feel they kept us informed about everything else," graduate student Adrian James said. "Why didn't they tell us about this?"

"I've gotten e-mails saying that it was postponed," education major Amber Sheeley said.

Confusion is circulating within the student body, faculty and staff as to whether or not this will be a good move for Northwest.

"I like our college now," Northwest student Vince Shisler said. "I'm sure there are a lot of benefits, but I feel (Hubbard is) rushing into things again," said Northwest student Vince Shisler.

Missouri Academy Resident Counselor Robert Bryant is confident in the success of the merger.

"With the right mentality to proceed and enhance what we have here at Northwest, I think this can ultimately be a great thing," Bryant said.

with Hubbard and Provost Taylor Barnes to finalize the details of the potential merger and draft the memorandum.

"I'm pleased with the progress that's been made," Hubbard said. "It's been a real cordial process, more so than I expected. I expected a hard debate, but everyone worked their best to make it work."

According to the draft of the memorandum, some of the details laid out in the memorandum deal with the future funding of Northwest, which the UM system promises not to arbitrarily reduce and that any reductions in funding would be decided by and applied to the UM system as a whole.

Northwest will receive a name change

to the University of Missouri-Northwest, and the memorandum also proposes the merger will not cause tuition costs to increase.

Hubbard stressed that the possible merger still has many obstacles to overcome before it's implemented, including the possible countless redrafts of the memorandum until all parties are satisfied. Hubbard was unable to speculate on a final date for the finalization of the memorandum.

"I just have no idea," Hubbard said. "If everyone stood up and said, 'This is a great (memorandum),' that would be one thing. But if someone wants to debate some aspect of it, it could take weeks or even months."

tune the areas they highlighted."

Student Regent Paul Klute, who was the coordinator of the 50-page Baldrige application, said being the runner-up is nothing to be ashamed of.

"I don't think there's any reason to hang our heads," Klute said. "We do things around here because it's the right thing to do."

Overall, Hubbard is hopeful Northwest can continue its drive toward excellence.

"Quality is about exceeding expectations, and because expectations change, quality has to stay ahead," Hubbard said.

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National guardsmen head for duty

"These men are sacrificing their lives," Brown said. "We believe in what they are doing and wish them the best and a safe trip home."

Simpson said she does not know where her son will go after his training, but she has his address to keep in contact with him. She also said she will see him again on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Thirty-four soldiers departed from the National Guard Armory in Maryville Tuesday where they were taken to the Nodaway County Courthouse for a ceremony in honor of them. They were greeted by family, friends and community members and sent off with words

from Rep. Brad Lager, a prayer from Chaplain Darren King and music from the Maryville High School Band.

The First Battalion of the 129th Field Artillery will now report to Fort Leonard Wood today for intense training to prepare for an overseas mission. Soldiers will train from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. seven days a week for one month with the only time off being Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

King said he knows the troops are thankful for the community support.

"It shows them that the community is behind them and that the community will be here for them," King said.

A holiday Feaste



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Gretchen Whitman and Travis Hamm participate in Wednesday night's Yuletide Feaste. This was the 30th year the event has taken place at Northwest.

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Chiefs return to Wisconsin for '04 season

at William Jewell College in Kansas City.

"On behalf of the entire Chiefs organization, we're delighted to return to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls for a 14th consecutive year," Peterson said. "We have enjoyed our relationship with River Falls and look forward to continuing that partnership for another year and the possibility of ensuing years."

Although the Chiefs signed a deal with River Falls once again, discussions about holding training camp at Northwest or other schools in Missouri will not cease, Boerigter said.

"They want to continue the dialogue they started with us," Boerigter said. "They want to continue discussions about 2005 and beyond. Right now, we are proceeding with our summer activities without the Chiefs training camp on the docket."

The Chiefs' contract is a one-year deal for 2004 with one-year options over the next four years.

The decision to search for a new location in 2005 has no time table, Moore said.

"It is a decision Carl makes with

consideration from the head coach (Dick Vermeil)," Moore said. "Like I said, weather is a major element, and if we were to leave, it would be by no fault of theirs."

In addition, Peterson said that the university's students have approved and provided funding for two projects currently underway—a new suite-style residence hall and a new food service facility—both of which will be available for use by the Chiefs.

He also stated that the Missouri schools, including Missouri Western State College and Central Missouri State University, competing for the training camp location each had their high points and low points.

"I know that they said Northwest had really nice locker rooms while another school may have had really nice fields," Moore said.

Among the things the Chiefs organization is requesting are climate controlled locker rooms, suite-style residence halls with air conditioning and indoor facilities in case of inclement weather, Moore said.

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Influenza strikes early this year

visit the hospital, especially those who have been infected with influenza."

Maryville doctor Patrick Harr said, this week, he has seen all ages of people, from 2-year-olds to 70-year-olds, come in.

Harr said people should be careful during the holiday season even as they travel because of the widespread flu.

Edwards said the county health department and St. Francis Hospital have recently tested and confirmed 24 flu cases from the week of Nov. 26 through Dec. 1.

Edwards said there are probably more flu cases in the county that the health department is not seeing due to people not visiting their doctor.

According to Harr, Missouri is ranked seventh in the United States for its amount of flu cases. The week ending Nov. 22, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services officials reported 355 flu cases.

Influenza Type A, a type that usually causes high rates of hospitalization and death, seems to be the prominent flu type infecting individuals in Nodaway County, Edwards said.

But Harr said the new strains of influenza showing up in Colorado have the potential to cause even more cases.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting a "drift-variance strain" called A/Fujian, not covered in this year's vaccine.

"If that gets here, it is going to be a lot worse," Harr said.

Northwest's Health Center Director Virginia Murr said Northwest is waiting to see what happens.

Both Edwards and Harr said individuals should take the necessary steps in order to prevent influenza.

"I know the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Missouri State Health Department is encouraging flu shots," Edwards said. "The vaccine is free at the clinic (the Nodaway County Health Department) and the only cost is a donation."

Harr said it's never really too late for people to get a flu shot.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is encouraging parents of young children to have them vaccinated for influenza, especially those with asthma and other chronic respiratory, cardiac or immune system problems.

Edwards said parents need a doctor's order before a child can get a flu shot at the Nodaway County Health Department. That is because the vaccine has not been approved for children less than six months of age. But even the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is encouraging parents to obtain the vaccine for all children six to 23 months.

The vaccine is also recommended to people age 50 and older, people with chronic health conditions, women in their third trimester of pregnancy, health care workers and household members of those in high-risk groups.

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Baldrige slips out the hands of Northwest for fourth time

The Baldrige examiners narrowed the candidates from 19 to seven before eliminating applicants down to two. National examiners visited campus during the week of Oct. 20.

"It would be nice to win, but regardless if we ever do, I don't see us taking a different direction," said Kent Porterfield, vice president for Student Affairs.

Despite falling short this year, Hubbard said Northwest will re-apply for the award.

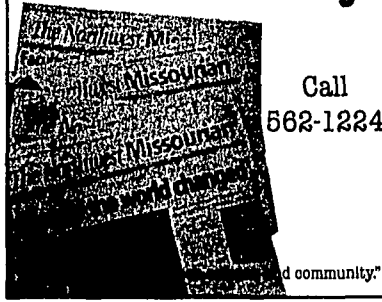
"The judges know us now, and we're sitting in the winner's circle right now," Hubbard said. "I feel good about it, and

I'm optimistic. But we didn't start this to win an award. We're doing this because it's better for our students, and we will continue to do it."

Administrators will begin the application process in January after they look at the feedback reports from the site examiners.

"I think the real benefit will be in the feedback report," said Ray Courter, vice president for Finance. "My sense was Northwest did as well as anyone possibly could, even in writing the application. We'll be able to take the feedback report and fine

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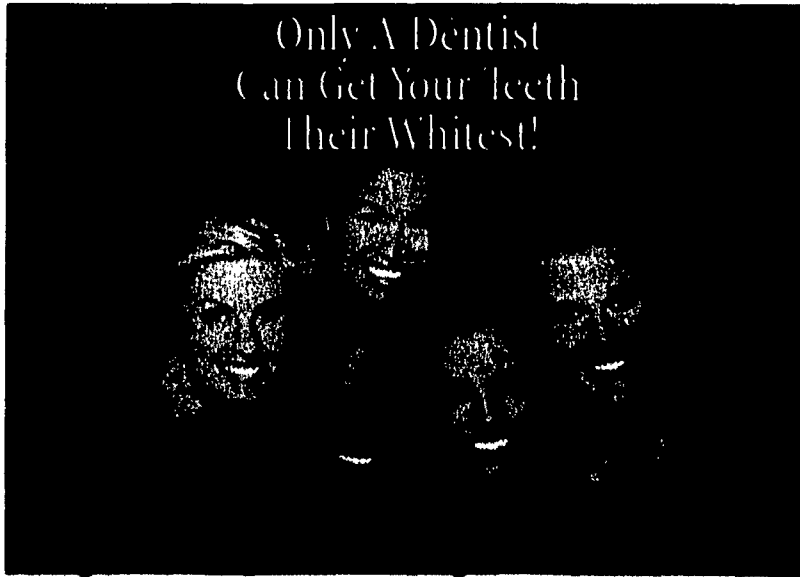
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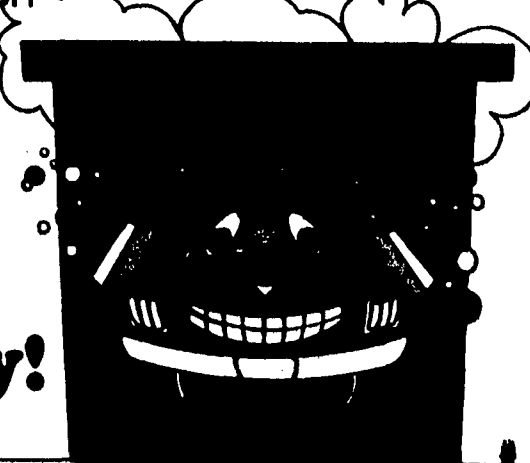
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THE BATTLE TO FACE BUSH

In a series of debates, nine democratic candidates seek to prove that they are the one who can beat Bush.

Betsy Lee
FEATURES EDITOR

Nine Democratic presidential candidates are preparing to face George Bush in November 2004, but first, they must take on each other.

Since Sept. 4, the candidates have been attending a variety of debates, arguing their stances on the issue and trying to set themselves apart from the crowd. The most recent debate on Nov. 24 in Des Moines, Iowa, offered the candidates a chance to address Iowa voters. Iowa hosts the first primary election Jan. 19.

Eight of the candidates participated in the debate. Sen. Joe Lieberman was absent, and Sen. John Kerry and Sen. John Edwards participated via satellite because the Senate was preparing to vote on a controversial Medicare bill.

Discussion on the legitimacy of the bill kicked off the event. Host Tom Brokaw, led candidates through a gauntlet of other issues.

Dan Smith, associate professor of political science, said he watches debates to find out firsthand candidates stances on the issues.

"Most people get their information from second-hand accounts

that may or may not be slanted," Smith said. "More and more, you hear specific plans from the candidates through the debates. They have interesting ideas and interesting positions."

Smith, who watched the Nov. 24 debate, said he saw no clear winner.

"(Sen. John) Edwards was very good," Smith said. "And people attacked (Gov. Howard) Dean, and he came across better than those attacking him."

However, when the candidates discuss Iraq, Smith believes Gen. Wesley Clark is the only candidate on the stage who has the credibility to address the issue.

"We've made a mess over there, and we have to fix it; Clark has done that," Smith said. "The president doesn't know what he's doing. He hasn't got a clue."

Representative Dennis Kucinich boldly defended his unique stance on Iraq; he has a 90-day withdrawal plan that would establish democracy. He held up a The Washington Post page with pictures of the dead to illustrate his point.

"I was the only one up there who said that the United States must make plans to end the occupation," Kucinich said. "This is the defining issue in this election: the end of the occupation. Otherwise, those troops are going to continue to be there, and the body counts will keep piling up and the American taxpayer will continue to see hundreds of billions of dollars wasted."

Smith also believes that Iraq will be an important issue in the upcoming election but that the economy will also play a role. Smith said the upcoming primary election will be unique because of the diversity of the candidates and, in part, because of the campaign Dean is running.

"He's doing something that's never been done before," Smith said. "He's bringing new people into the process. We've been trying to bring youth into the process, and somehow, he's done that."

Though Smith can see several candidates winning the nomination, there are a few that he believes have no chance of surviving the primaries. Carol Mosely-Braun is one of them.

"The country is ready for a qualified African-American candidate, and the country is ready for a qualified female candidate, but it's not ready for both," Smith said. "It's too bad because she's an articulate, intelligent candidate."

Candidates will have one more chance to articulate their views on the issues during a Dec. 9 debate in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Presidential primary Jan. 27. Democratic voters in Missouri will have the chance to cast their vote Feb. 3.

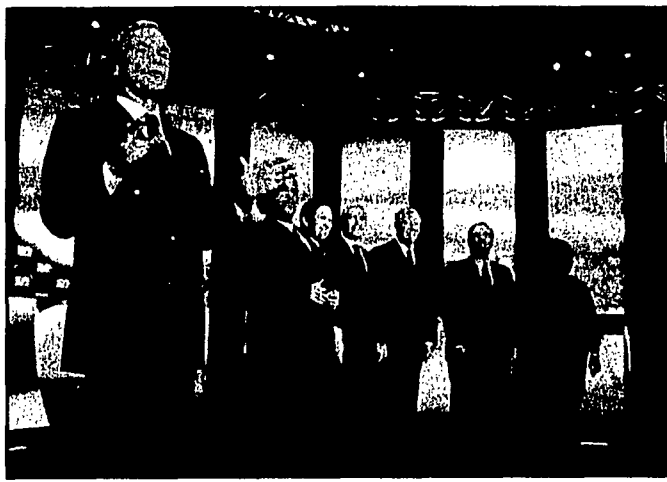


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Prior to the debate, six of the Democratic presidential candidates exchange pleasantries with host Tom Brokaw. Sen. John Edwards and Sen. John Kerry participated in the debate via satellite due to an upcoming vote in the Senate.



Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean is greeted by supporters Nov. 24 outside of the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Dean supporters gathered at his campaign headquarters for a pre-debate rally before walking to the convention center.

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John: Wants to create 10 million jobs and increase America's manufacturing.
Gay Rights: Supports civil unions and equal rights for gay couples.
Education: Will increase funding for Head Start.
Abortion: Pro-choice. Rejected partial birth abortion ban because it had no stipulation for mother's health.
Iraq: Will set up series of initiatives to end Iraqi debt and transition to democracy in Iraq.



John: Incentives for job creation. Supports \$40 billion state and local tax rebate fund.
Gay Rights: Supports right to name same-sex partners as beneficiaries.
Education: Supports all day kindergarten. Against 'No Child Left Behind'.
Abortion: Pro-choice. Undecided on partial birth abortion ban.
Iraq: Would press Saudi Arabia to work with U.S. forces and would repair damaged international relationships.



John: Seeks to increase minimum wage. Supports unions.
Education: Will give first year of college for some students. Seeks to attract teachers to disadvantaged areas.
Abortion: Pro-choice. Voting on partial birth abortion ban in 1997.
Iraq: Would involve allies and NATO. Ensure Iraqi people that they will control government. America not interested in oil.



John: Plans to employ jobless to rebuild roads, bridges and schools.
Gay Rights: Supports civil unions and equal rights for gay couples.
Education: Would increase funding to schools. Seeks to make higher education more accessible by increasing Pell grants and other financial assistance.
Abortion: Pro-choice.
Iraq: Plans to re-establish international relationships to ensure assistance in Iraq reconstruction.



John: Disagrees with 'Right to Work' laws. Believes investing in small business will increase jobs.
Gay Rights: Passed bill supporting civil unions in Vermont.
Education: Would invest in early education. Says 'No Child Left Behind' is unfunded mandate.
Abortion: Pro-choice. Supports partial birth abortion ban if health of mother considered.
Iraq: Has seven-point reconstruction plan. Estimates 18- to 24-month transition to democracy for Iraq.



John: Would jumpstart job growth by repealing tax cuts and pushing for small business incentives.
Gay Rights: Supports civil unions.
Education: Plans \$10,000 tax rebate to encourage teachers to work in disadvantaged areas.
Abortion: Pro-choice. Supports partial birth abortion ban if health of mother considered.
Iraq: Seeks to rebuild international relationship and give control of Iraq back to people.



John: Plans to create federal laws that protect workers opposed to relying state law.
Gay Rights: Supports gay marriage.
Education: Supports public education. Believes in right to quality education for all.
Abortion: Pro-choice.
Iraq: Believes the United States needs to submit to an international body. Wants to re-establish international relationship including other countries in reconstruction.



John: Plans \$50 billion in zero-interest loans to improve infrastructure, which will create jobs.
Gay Rights: Supports gay marriage.
Education: Would expand Head Start program and create universal pre-kindergarten. Plans to create tuition-free public higher education.
Abortion: Pro-choice.
Iraq: Views situation as occupation. Plans to withdraw troops from Iraq in 90 days, establishing democracy.



John: Will establish international minimum wage. Would end subsidies to millionaire farmers.
Gay Rights: Supports civil unions.
Education: Wants to make first \$10,000 spent on college education tax deductible. Wants more classroom teachers and funding.
Abortion: Pro-choice. Voted seven times against partial birth abortion.
Iraq: Would seek to repair international relationships. Seeks to give control of Iraq back to people.

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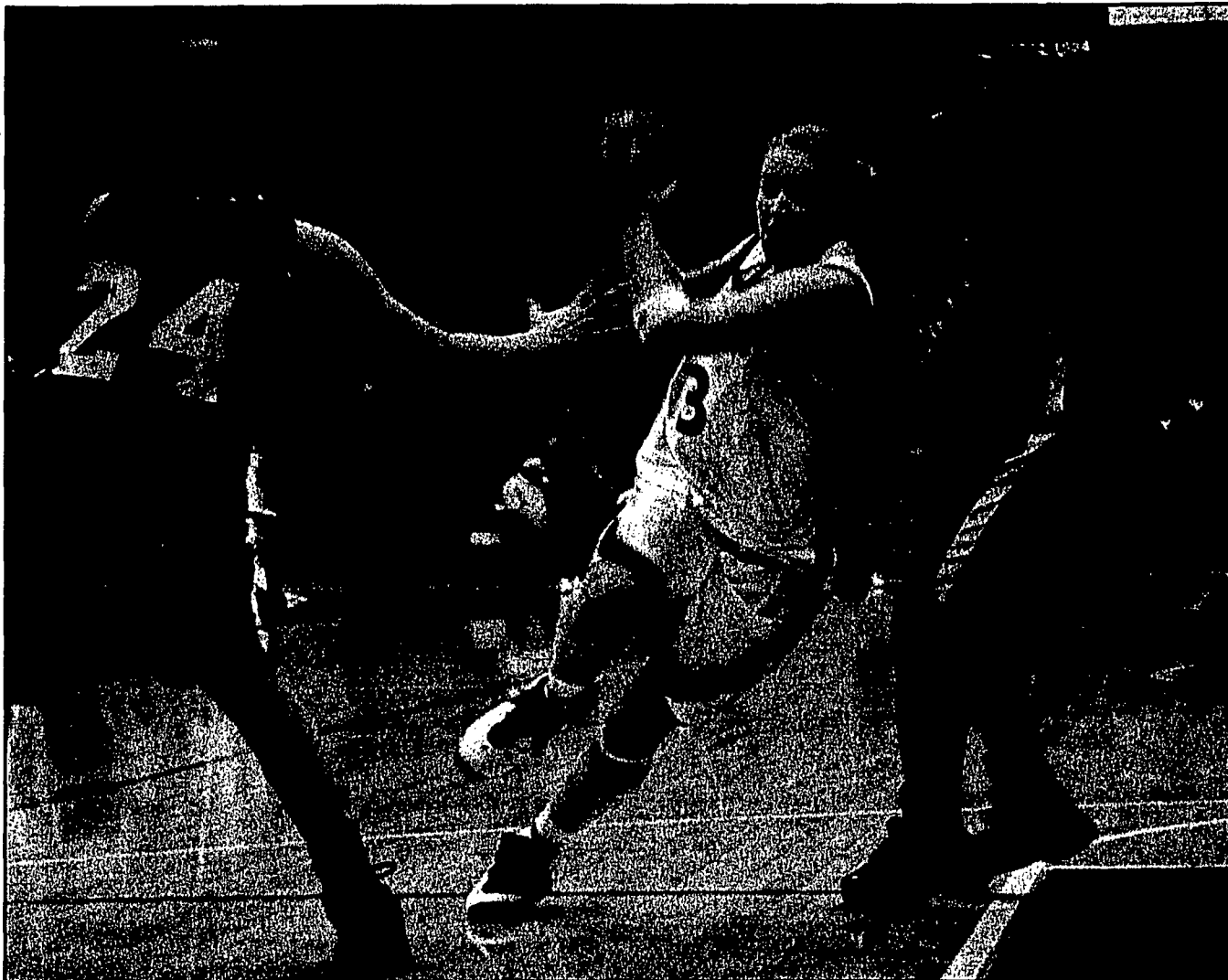
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Rolling along

Northwest men and women start season off strong



Senior guard Jane Chalmers dices through two defenders in Monday's win over the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The 85-59 win was the fifth win of

the season for the 'Cats. In the game, the 'Cats shot 52.8 percent from the field and a blistering 54.5 percent from behind the arc.

PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Women set school mark for three-pointers in game

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Watching the Northwest women face off against the University of Nebraska-Omaha, it was hard to tell if this was the same team many had saw the week before, much less last year.

The Bearcats, known for the cold first half shooting, shot 52.8 percent from the field and 54.5 percent from behind the three-point line.

Northwest shot a combined 2 for 23 in the first half

of their first two games of the year.

Tuesday was a different story though. The Bearcats set a school record for most three-pointers in a game with 11. The previous record was 10 and was held by numerous teams.

"This year we have been a second half team shooting-wise," senior Brooke Hogue said. "We always come out and shoot bad in the first half, but if we keep that out of our minds, the shots will fall. We



Northwest
85
UN-Omaha
59

kept shooting and had a good percentage."

Hogue's hot shooting helped the Bearcats beat the 2-3 Mavericks 85-59.

The senior when 5 for 6 on three-point attempts and finished with a game-high 19 points.

Junior Ashely Poptanycz and sophomore Laura Friederich both finished with 14 points. Senior Tanesha Fields rounded out double-digit scorers with 10 points.

Not only were the 'Cats finding their touch on the offensive end, they had an above-average performance on the defensive end.

The Bearcats forced 39 turnovers (Please see 'Women' page 3B)

Game box score

Northwest 85, UNO 59										
Player	min.	fg	ft	ft	rb	a	pf	tp		
Smith	15	1-8	0-0	2-3	0	2	0	2		
Meyers	12	0-2	0-0	5-0	1	0	0	0		
Prince	24	2-4	1-2	3-2	2	5	0	0		
Peterson	30	5-12	1-3	7-1	1	13	0	0		
Groslie	18	1-4	0-0	0-1	0	2	0	0		
Eggers	11	1-2	0-0	2-2	1	3	0	0		
Zoucha	16	1-4	0-0	2-2	1	2	0	0		
Shoepf	12	4-5	0-0	2-0	2	12	0	0		
Turman	11	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	3	0	0		
Jones	7	0-4	0-2	1-1	0	0	0	0		
Tata	12	1-4	1-2	5-0	1	3	0	0		
Ross	21	3-4	2-2	7-1	0	8	0	0		
Hemphill	11	2-4	2-3	5-1	2	6	0	0		

Northwest										
Player	min.	fg	ft	ft	rb	a	pf	tp		
Wolfe	23	3-7	1-2	5-3	3	7	0	0		
Poptanycz	27	7-12	0-0	6-1	2	14	0	0		
Chalmers	26	0-4	1-2	2-9	1	1	0	0		
Friederich	20	6-9	0-0	1-1	4	14	0	0		
Hogue	22	7-10	0-0	1-3	1	19	0	0		
Blay	12	2-6	0-0	5-5	1	4	0	0		
Hatterman	20	3-7	0-0	2-2	0	9	0	0		
Van Dine	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0		
Eggers	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Elkin	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0		
Fields	16	5-7	0-0	2-0	2	10	0	0		
Scherer	16	0-0	0-0	4-1	3	0	0	0		
Freerksen	11	3-5	0-0	2-0	2	7	0	0		



PHOTO BY JOE KNUST/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Sprinters Ross Hullinger (left), Anthony Jackson and Matt Schneider practice for the team's upcoming meet at Iowa State University on Dec. 12.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

There is not much of a break for sprinter Gabriel Helms. After completing football season, where he started at cornerback, Helms made a quick jump to the indoor track scene to prepare for the upcoming season.

Helms should be one of the most successful participants on this year's team. He finished ninth in the 60-meter dash at last year's national meet in Boston. He also dominated the sprinting events in the MIAA. He finished first in both the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes at last year's MIAA championship meet.

Indoor track preview Tracksters have sights set on conference titles

Men return handful of qualifiers from last year

By DAN ZECH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

As the weather cools down outside, things are just getting warmed up inside as Northwest's indoor track season is set to begin soon.

According to men's head coach Richard Alsup, the men began their practices Sept. 16 and have been hard at work for nearly three months.

"Our team is chomping at the bit," Alsup said.

Some members of the indoor track team will be competing before Winter Break on Dec. 12 at Iowa State University.

Alsup said he began practice so long ago to get his athletes in shape for the indoor season. Since then, he has progressed them through flexibility, aerobic, strength and plyometric drills. The team didn't begin doing specialty work in their events until about a month ago.

Alsup indicated that his team is in good shape, but Winter Break can disrupt his ability to keep his team in shape. Alsup said sometimes the team spends the first few weeks back from break getting back into shape.

Following the break, some athletes Alsup expects to do well are senior Dan McKim in the shot and weight throw and Kyle Krauss, also a senior, in the (Please see 'Track' page 3B)

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Boys' basketball

The 'Hounds lost their top scorer from a year ago in David Akins. Who will the 'Hounds turn to this season for scoring entering the 2003-2004 season? For the story, turn to page 4B.

'Hounds soccer

The soccer team relived some of their moments from this past season. Turn to page 4B to find out who won team awards and who made the All-conference and All-district teams.

Spoofhounds ease through first game

Reynolds, Walter lead way to win over Dragons

By JEROME BOETTCHER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville High School girls' basketball team opened up the season with a blowout win against Mid Buchanan on Tuesday night.

The 'Hounds defeated the Dragons 72-30 to start the season.

The 'Hounds trailed 2-0 early on in the first quarter, but, after that, they never looked back.

The team scored 36 points in the first half and was led by seniors Hilary Reynolds and Abby Walter. Reynolds had 10 points, and Walter had her only eight points in the first half. Reynolds added seven more to lead the team in scoring with 17 points.

Junior Ann Hagen also scored in double digits with 10 points. Sophomore Kim Wolfer added nine points, and junior Kelli Dawson scored seven.

Reynolds led the team with three three-pointers.

"I'm pleased with Hilary Reynolds and the fact that in the years past, I've always had to tell her to shoot and remind her 'Hey, Hilary, while you're out there, you need to shoot,'" Maryville head coach Randy Cook said. "The first four weeks of practice she just goes out and shoots and tonight she just came out and shot the ball. If she does that she'll be fine, but I was pleased to see that."

Despite the team's dominant performance, Cook still sees room for improvement.

"I thought, offensively, we played pretty well; defensively, we need to play a little bit better to force a rebound," Cook said. "We're playing too close to our (Please see 'Spoofhounds' page 3B)



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Junior forward Byron Jackson pulls down a rebound during Wednesday's practice. Jackson has two double-doubles in five games this season.

Men start season 5-0 for fifth time in six years

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With only three returning players from last year's team, one would think the men's basketball team would be struggling early on.

Think again. The 'Cats continued their impressive start to the 2003-04 season with two victories in the Rock U Classic at Rockhurst University last weekend.

In the final game of the tournament, Northwest shot 67 percent from the field to offset 17 turnovers in a 91-77 victory over the tournament host.

'Cats sophomore forward Austin Meyer thought the turnovers were part of inexperience and part sloppiness on his team's part.

"It's good you can win the game even with the turnovers," Meyer said. "But, if we cut the turnovers in half, that's 10 more points right there."

Northwest had six players in double figures and were led by senior point guard Kelvin Parker's 18 points. In addition, he dished out six assists and grabbed five boards but committed a game-high nine turnovers.

Meyer chipped in 14 points of his own, and junior forward Byron Jackson came off the bench to record his second double-double of the regular season with 12 points and 10 rebounds in 22 minutes of action.

"He is such a high energy

guy," men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "If you watch him, even during a dead ball, he is jumping around and he's talking to people, and that's just great. You'd love to have a team full of people with that kind of energy."

Tappmeyer was pleased with his team's performance last weekend for the most part. One thing he would like to see improved is his team's killer instinct.

Northwest led Rockhurst the whole game, but Tappmeyer felt his team fell victim to scoreboard watching and let the Hawks hang around way too long.

"I think you can teach some of that in practice," Tappmeyer said. "I think a lot of it is just team intelligence and maturity. I think we have a pretty bright bunch of guys. I don't want them to have to learn the lesson by going, 'Hey Coach is right; we just blew an 18-point lead and got beat tonight.' I'd like for us to learn without that happening."

In the (Please see 'Men' page 3B)



UP NEXT:
The 'Cats play
Central Bible
College at
3:30 p.m. at
Bearcat Arena



Byron Jackson
had second double
of the season
against Rockhurst.

Assistant football coach has made contact with Missouri Southern

Svoboda met with Lion officials and fans Monday

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest offensive coordinator Jim Svoboda has been announced as one of three finalists for the head football coaching position at Missouri Southern State University.

Svoboda has been on the Bearcats' staff for 10 seasons. Before coming to Northwest with head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma, he was the head coach at Nebraska Wesleyan where he had a 52-19 record.

While at Northwest, Svoboda has guided the offense to two national championships as well as overseeing an offense that set more than 50 team and individual records.

On Monday, Svoboda went to Joplin to meet with Southern fans

and officials.

In addition to Svoboda, the school announced another finalist.

The named finalist is Rocky Hager, an assistant coach at Temple University. He is slated to meet with Southern fans and officials on Monday in a town hall meeting much like Svoboda did.

The search committee has indicated they may add more finalists as the month goes on.

Southern is coming off its worst season in school history with a 1-10 record.

The search committee hopes to name a new coach by mid-December.

Calls made by *The Missourian* to Svoboda following the visit



JIM SVOBODA

were not returned.

If Svoboda were to get the job, he would be the first assistant to leave on Tjeerdsma's staff. While some of his staff members have applied elsewhere, all have stayed at Northwest.

"It's been tremendous," Tjeerdsma said. "In college coaching, nothing is probably more valuable than being able to retain your staff. Not only is it important on the football field but also in recruiting. I've been blessed to have my same staff for 10 years."

Both schools being in the MIAA, facing off against Svoboda each season is not something Tjeerdsma would enjoy.

"I wouldn't look forward to it," Tjeerdsma said. "If it happens, it happens. No matter how good of friends you are, when the game starts, you put all of that aside. I coached him in high school, then again in college, and now, he coaches for me. We've been around each other an awfully long time."

Men's basketball

Sophomore Austin Meyer is one of team's leading scorers this season. For an in-depth look at the Blue Springs native, turn to page 2B.

TOP 25 PRESEASON POLL

1. Humboldt State
2. Southern Indiana
3. South Dakota
4. Massachusetts-Lowell
5. California Poly-Pomona
6. Northeastern State
7. Rollins (Fla.)
8. Tarleton State
9. Findlay
10. Queens (N.C.)
11. Metro State
12. Kentucky Wesleyan
13. Millersville
14. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)
15. South Dakota State
16. Northwest
17. Florida Southern
18. Columbus State
19. Saint Rose
20. Florida Gulf Coast
21. Assumption
22. Kennesaw State
23. Bridgeport
24. Nebraska-Kearney
25. Eckerd (Fla.)

BEARCAT LEADERBOARD

Points:
Kelvin Parker
18.4 ppg
Austin Meyer
17 ppg

Rebounds:
Byron Jackson
7.6 rpg
Jesse Shaw
3.6 rpg

Steals:
Parker
2.6 steals
Shaw
2.2 steals

Assists:
Parker
5.4 assists
Wilson
3.8 assists

UP NEXT



Central Bible College
3:30 p.m. Saturday
Bearcat Arena



Lincoln University
7 p.m. Dec. 17
Jefferson City



Central Washington
7 p.m. Dec. 22
Las Vegas, Nev.

STAT OF THE WEEK

Against Rockhurst on Saturday, the men's team shot 67.3 percent from the floor. As a team last year, the Bearcats shot 46.8 percent from the field.

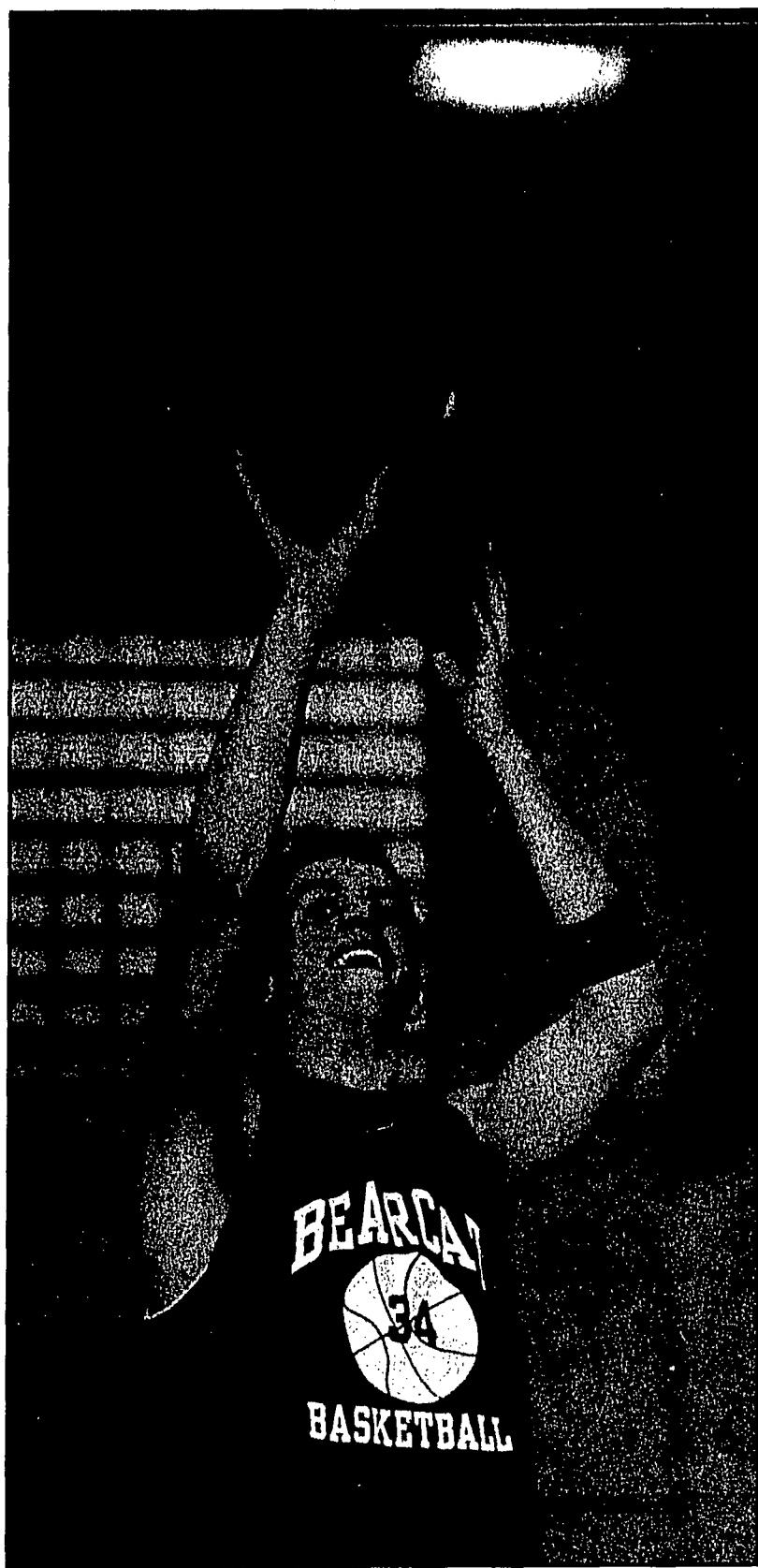


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Sophomore Austin Meyer takes a shot during practice on Wednesday afternoon. Meyer has blossomed into a key player for the Bearcats. Currently, he is averaging 17 points per game.

Meyer taking on bigger role during sophomore season

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer has seen it before.

He has seen it in some of Northwest's best players ever. Players like Scott Fleming and Kelvin Parker, and this season, in sophomore Austin Meyer.

He really had trouble putting the "it" into words before deciding on the word "blossomed or whatever you want to call it."

Tappmeyer hoped this day would come. The one where Meyer, who "played his role" as a freshman last season, realized he can be just as good as the Parkers and Flemings, and it just clicks, as Tappmeyer put it.

"He's getting that confidence where you know he wants the ball in tough situations," Tappmeyer said.

That confidence has been helped by early season scoring outbursts, Meyer admits.

He has led the 'Cats in scoring two of the first five games and is shooting a blistering 61 percent from the field and 42 percent from behind the arc.

But Meyer is quick to downplay his early success.

For his 26-point performance against Eastern New Mexico University, where he was 11 of 18 from the field, Meyer credits Parker.

"Kelvin really got me the ball in good spots, and anybody else in my position probably would have scored, too," Meyer said.

So he is Mr. Modest, but as a sophomore, that is not necessarily a bad trait. Meyer is one of three returning players who saw significant minutes on last year's team, and he knew he had to assume more of a leadership role this season, but it was one he gladly accepted.

"I was one of the guys with more minutes last season along with Kelvin and Jesse (Shaw), so I think Coach wanted me to be more of a leader even though I am only a sophomore," Meyer said.

He said he has not felt any pressure from the position because of the year un-

der his belt.

As a freshman, Meyer did much of his work from behind the arc last season. He had to mainly because he was undersized for conference play, not so much from a height standpoint, but, listed at 185 pounds, the Blue Springs native was not ready to bang bodies down low.

This season, Meyer is listed at 196, so he might actually weigh 185 now. That has allowed him to work on some post moves and make him a bigger threat.

"I am trying to work inside this season," Meyer said. "I tried to do that in the Milner (Classic) and get some easier baskets and not just settle for the three. I think that's been big because, when the three is not there, I can find other ways to score."

Tappmeyer has noticed that, too. And the coach loves the matchup problems he will present other teams.

"He can score around the bucket, he can go out and hit the three, he can put it on the floor and go by you, and he can hit the short jumper," Tappmeyer said. "He's got the whole package that way, and he's been awfully big to this point, so that's really good to see."

When talking to Meyer, the impression is there that he cares about every one of his teammates. It's obvious Tappmeyer has schooled him on how to be a Northwest basketball player.

He talks about how each player is unselfish, and any player on the team can step up and beat the other team on any given night.

Take for instance, junior forward Byron Jackson. His eyes light up, and he rattles off Jackson's recent double-doubles and the energy he brings to the floor, all of that with an ear-to-ear grin on Meyer's face.

That grin is a reflection of the season so far and his new role on the team.

"We've had a number of freshmen come through and play their role, and, somewhere along the line, something clicks, and they take it to another level," Tappmeyer said.

That assessment seems pretty accurate so far.

TOP 25

1. South Dakota State
2. Bentley
3. South Dakota
4. California (Pa.)
5. Central Arkansas
6. North Dakota
7. Glenville State
8. Quincy
9. Drury
10. Northern Kentucky
11. Armstrong Atlantic
12. North Florida
13. Washburn
14. Shaw (N.C.)
15. North Dakota State
16. Arkansas Tech
17. Indianapolis
18. Bellarmine (Ken.)
19. Minnesota-Duluth
20. Columbus
21. California State-Bakersfield
22. Seattle Pacific
23. Nebraska-Kearney
24. Grand Valley State
25. California State-Chico

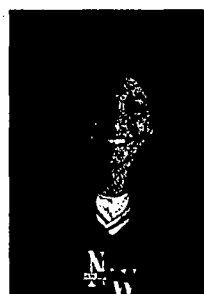
BEARCAT LEADERBOARD

Points:
Sarah Vollertsen
15 ppg
Laura Friederich
13 ppg

Rebounds:
Vollertsen
9.2 rpg
Ashely Poptanycz
8.8 rpg

Steals:
Friederich
2.6 steals
Jenna Wolfe
2.4 steals

Assists:
Jane Chalmers
6 assists
Friederich
2.4 assists



Vollertsen

UP NEXT



Mt. Mercy Mustangs
1:30 p.m. Saturday
Bearcat Arena



Augustana Vikings
7 p.m. Dec. 13
Sioux Falls, S.D.



Rockhurst University
7 p.m. Dec. 17
Kansas City, Mo.

STAT OF THE WEEK

In the Bearcats' 100-57 win over St. Scholastica on Saturday, senior Sarah Vollertsen grabbed 13 boards and scored 12 points. While this is just a typical day at the office for the 6'2" senior, she amassed those totals in just 18 minutes.

Women find depth while Vollertsen undergoes surgery

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into the season, women's head coach Gene Steinmeyer talked about how lucky he was to have all his players healthy.

Apparently he did not knock on wood.

On Monday, senior Sarah Vollertsen underwent surgery to have her appendix removed.

The 6-foot, 2-inch center currently leads the team in scoring and rebounding with 15 points per game and 9.2 rebounds per game.

The time Vollertsen is out is still to be determined, but the Bearcats play only two times in the next nine days.

While she is out, Steinmeyer said they will try different looks on the floor.

"We will use several different types of combinations," Steinmeyer said. "The main combination will be using Katie Scherer, Jenna Wolfe and Ashley Freerksen along with Ashely Poptanycz. We will try and find the right combinations of people. We may even try a four-guard lineup."

Not having Vollertsen was evident in the Bearcats' game against the University of Nebraska-Omaha, where the Bearcats were beat on the boards 45-28.

The team knew however, without arguably the best rebounder in the MIAA on the floor, all their attention had to be aimed toward picking up the slack in the middle.

"We wanted to focus on working around the ball and not just being a perimeter team," fellow captain Brooke

Hogue said. "With Sarah not there, we really needed to work together rebounding."

Before everyone goes and says the inside offense is gone without the team's leading scorer, they have to realize the Bearcats were able to score 28 points in the paint in their first game without her. (Not having her) hurt our rebounding," junior Ashely Poptanycz said. "We picked it up on other parts of the court, though. We shot well, but we knew we had to pick it up rebounding."

If there is a silver lining to the injury, however, it has allowed the Bearcats the ability to again establish just how deep of a team they are.

Eleven players regularly see action for the Bearcats, making filling in the holes just a bit easier.

"Any night when someone isn't having their best night, anyone can come off the bench," Scherer said. "We're more confident knowing people can come in off the bench and play well."

The one problem to having such a balanced squad, though, can be the displeasure players have assuming their roles on the team, an area where Scherer says this team has not had problems.

"A big key to our success is accepting our roles," Scherer said. "Pop stepped into her role really well. There are other people who started in the past who are coming off the bench and playing well, and that is a great thing."

Still, Scherer points out losing a player such as Vollertsen will hurt.

"We aren't a one-person team," Scherer said. "But she helps a lot, and we're going to miss her."

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Women pick up win over Nebraska-Omaha, drop game to No.6 North Dakota

and came away with 30 steals.

Over Thanksgiving break, Northwest traveled to Bemidji, Minn., to play in the Bemidji State Thanksgiving Classic.

In their first game, Northwest faced their stiffest opponent this season.

In the first round, they faced off against the No. 6 University of North Dakota.

The Bearcats came out strong and had the score tied at the half.

The Sioux were too much for the Bearcats in the second half, though, as they fell 76-63.

Senior Sarah Vollertsen led the Bearcats with 20 points.

"It was a game you didn't worry about the girls getting up for," head coach Gene Steinhilber said. "Both teams were disappointed

with the way they shot, but that was related to the type of defense that was being played. The good news is we can play with a top 10 team. The bad news is, we don't know if we can beat a top 10 team."

Following the setback, Northwest faced St. Scholastica in the Classic's finale.

Northwest hit the century mark for the first time all season, winning 100-57.

The Bearcats had six players in double figures, led by Poptanycz with 14 points followed by Freerksen with 13.

Vollertsen finished the game with 12 points and 13 rebounds in 18 minutes of play.

Up next for the Bearcats is a matchup against Mt. Mercy at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Indoor track hopes to compete for MIAA championships

800-meter run. Also, senior Joel Terry will run hurdles, and senior Jamaica Rector will compete in the long jump. All of these athletes were national qualifiers last year, and Alsop expects them to perform well again this year. One name people may not see is Clint Prange, last year's outdoor national champion at shot put. He will be most likely redshirting because of nagging injuries in his back muscles. However, he is recovering well according to Alsop.

"He is getting better and better as we speak," Alsop said.

He has high expectations for his team because of the richness of talent, but he believes the challenge will be getting the athletes to perform.

"We have a great team on paper that could challenge for a conference title, but you don't run meets on paper," Alsop said.

The Northwest track team has finished second in the conference the past two years, and this year,

they look to get over that hump and "win that ever-elusive MIAA title," Alsop said.

Like the men, the Northwest women's team has been practicing for nearly three months. Women's head coach Vicki Wooton said they began the first few weeks conditioning and then slowly introduced lifting and specialty work. The ladies will also be sending a few athletes to compete Dec. 12 at Iowa State. Wooton said that this team is young but has many quality student athletes.

One of the athletes expected to excel this year is Mary Wirt, a senior who redshirted last year because of injuries. She has already qualified for nationals, and Wooton said she is throwing well right now. Gara Lacy is a senior who is expected to have a good season at triple jump and long jump. Alisha Samuel and Kailea Cook will run sprints this season and look to be competitive. Middle distance runner Stephanie

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Bearcats sweep opponents during Thanksgiving break

'Cats' other matchup they easily defeated Park University 83-60, a team that Missouri Western State College narrowly beat last week.

Parker and Meyer led the 'Cats in scoring again with 21 apiece. The 'Cats trailed just once 3-2, and they held a halftime lead of 41-21 after a 19-3 run closed out the half.

Meyer had an especially good night from the field, knocking down five of eight trifectas and finishing eight of 11 overall.

The 'Cats return to action at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday at Bearcat Arena against Central Bible College. The week between games will allow Northwest to work on their turnover problem and allow them to solidify a starting five, Tappmeyer said.

Changes on the horizon for *The Missourian*

Out of Bounds

COLE YOUNG
SPORTS
EDITOR



When former Missouri Southern State University's head football coach Bill Cook resigned from his post with the Lions, one of the first names to be mentioned in Bearcat country was Northwest offensive coordinator Jim Svoboda.

His name was thrown in the ring for good reason; he has orchestrated one of the most powerful offenses in the MIAA.

Now it appears as though he wants to get back to a head coaching position.

Many people are puzzled by the question of why would he want to leave Northwest.

Well, he has been here for 10 seasons and helped win two national championships. It doesn't seem like there would be a whole lot left here to do.

The obvious next step for Svoboda is to go to the head coaching ranks. He's paid his dues, and maybe it is time to move on.

My only question is, if you're going to move on, why Missouri Southern?

If the way they are conducting their head coaching search is any indication of the way the athletic department works, it could be a rough go.

Currently, only two of the three finalists are being announced, which leaves plenty of room for speculation.

One rumor circulating around Joplin is that there really isn't a third

candidate. It's almost as if the athletic department is waiting for someone like Frank Solich to come in and rescue the football team from their plummet to a level only Missouri-Rolla has reached.

The school's inability to come forward with a straight list of who the finalists are in addition to whatever else is going wrong with the program are reason to believe that this is a job which no one would be happy.

State championship woes

Something needs to be done with the way the Missouri State High School Activities Association makes their football playoff bracket.

Here's my problem. Teams from the west side of the state continue to dominate their east-side counterparts.

Kansas City schools squared off against St. Louis schools in four of the six championships. In those, Kansas City outscored St. Louis 165-

20.

While the state contends that they don't want long travel distances during the playoffs, thus the reason for their current setup, all the teams in the championships have to travel to St. Louis anyway.

No one can tell me they wouldn't rather see two teams from the same area playing for the state title in a close game rather than a team like Blue Springs facing off against Hazelwood East and winning 53-0.

End of an era

This edition marks the end of a run for special member of *The Missourian*, Clark Grell, currently the design editor and the old sports editor, graduates.

While things will obviously go on, the sports page will never be the same. His random ideas for designs that I initially just smiled and nodded about turned out to be some of the best sports sections I've had the privilege of working on.

Even though his name never shows up on the page as the designer, trust me; if it looks good and it is in the sports section, he did it.

In just a year and half, Clark's gone from my editor, to my boss, to my co-worker. But most importantly, he's been my good friend, and the whole staff is going to miss him.

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'Hounds pick up easy win in game against Mid-Buchanan

person instead of moving towards the ball. We get in a habit of just being right up top of our person, and if they don't have the ball, we don't want to do that. We want to get out in passing lanes a little better."

Junior Nikete Finley led the team with seven rebounds, and Hagen had six rebounds. Seniors Cindy Austin and Elizabeth Baker each had three steals.

Cook also emphasized that he was not pleased with the free-throw shooting. The team was nine for 19

from the free-throw line.

Though a lot of scoring came from the outside, Cook said that he would like to score both from the outside and the inside.

"I like a good balance between outside and inside," Cook said. "The first half just because of the way they were pressing forced us to shoot outside a little bit. The second half was more of a half court game, so we worked the ball inside a little bit more. But we like a good balance, 50-50, 60-40 of each."

Maryville plays at 7 p.m. tonight

against Lafayette, and they play at 5:30 p.m. against South Harrison at home Monday.

Cook says the team doesn't have to do much for Thursday's game but says that the game might be more physical.

"Everything we did tonight has to be a little better, and the game will be a little bit more physical," Cook said. "A lot of the fouls we got called for in the first half won't be fouls Thursday. We'll have to adjust to the physical nature of Thursday's game."

Morley and the Badgers take Maryland to overtime but unable to put game away

By DREW HANSEN

BADGER HERALD (U. WISCONSIN)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Echoing the 2000 meeting between Wisconsin and Maryland in the Big Ten-ACC Challenge, the two teams needed overtime to decide the heated battle between two decidedly different basketball squads.

This time, however, Maryland, strong in the post and with explosive offense, out-dued an experienced and disciplined Wisconsin basketball team 73-67 in front of a capacity crowd at the Comcast Center.

The Badgers had their chances, as Mike Wilkinson drained a 3-pointer with 12 seconds left in regulation to give the Badgers a 61-60 lead, just their third lead of the second half. Devin Harris took the inbound pass and delivered a quick pass to Wilkinson, who was left wide open after Maryland's Jamar Smith came

over to double team Harris.

"That was the open one," head coach Bo Ryan said of the play. "When Smith steps off [Wilkinson] was open. It was a good assist and a good catch-and-shoot."

Maryland's Chris Gilchrist took the ensuing possession down the lane and missed the contested layup. Maryland's Nik Caner-Medley followed with an attempted putback, but a foul from the Badgers' Zach Morley sent the Terrapins' best shooter to the line with two seconds remaining.

"It was one of those things where not everybody executed," Morley said. "You can't blame everything on that play. It was just one of those plays where we just didn't execute like we should've. I went up for it, and [Caner-Medley] just had better positioning on it."

Caner-Medley missed the front end of his two free throws and drained the second, tying the game at 61-61. The

sophomore was held to just seven points on the evening on 3-of-8 shooting, but delivered four crucial blocks and was an imposing defense presence in the lane.

The Badgers tried to set up one last play from underneath the Terrapins basket, but Morley's crosscourt pass was picked off by Maryland freshman D.J. Strawberry, who tossed up a wide open half court shot that clanked off the back of the iron, sending the game into overtime.

Strawberry, who has become the fruit of the Terps recruiting class, scored only three points, but did a fine job defending the Badgers' Freddie Owens and recorded five rebounds, two blocks and four steals in just 26 minutes of playing time.

Wisconsin took their only lead of the overtime, 65-63, after sophomore Boo Wade stole the ball from Maryland guard Chris McCray and con-

verted a layup with 2:45 remaining in the period.

But the Terrapins scored eight consecutive points and held the Badgers to just two points over the last two and half minutes of overtime.

Maryland's lone senior, Jamar Smith, provided most of the offense for the Terps, recording 25 points and 12 rebounds.

"He's a great player," Morley said of Smith. "I think he's just smart, athletic and he's strong. He knew what to do and when to do it, and you know, tonight we just weren't able to stop him."

McCray followed with 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting for Maryland. Gilchrist made a late bid for a triple double, notching 12 points, nine assists and seven rebounds.

"They were very quick off the floor," head coach Bo Ryan said of the Terps. "Quicker than any team we've seen this year."

Harris paced Wisconsin with 24 points. After struggling in the first half, and for most of this early season, to find his shot, Harris connected on 5-of-9 3-pointers in the second half. Junior forward Mike Wilkinson followed with 14 points, nine rebounds and five assists for the Badgers.

The Terrapins took a 30-22 advantage into halftime behind a 14-2 run that included seven straight points from Smith. The Maryland power forward, along with point guard Chris McCray, led all scorers with eight points at the break. Wilkinson led the Badgers with seven points at the half, but committed three of Wisconsin's nine first-half turnovers.

The Badgers only committed five turnovers over the entire second half and overtime, but were outmanned in the paint, and were outscored 40-22 while giving up 17 second chance points and 14 off of turnovers under

the tough Maryland pressure.

"We did a pretty good job of stopping them originally, but they get some offense rebounds and put them back in," Harris said of Maryland. "That's why they shot such a high percentage."

Maryland was an impressive 48.4 percent from the floor while Wisconsin hit only 36.1 percent of their field goals.

The pressure remained constant throughout the game, but the Badgers were able to find their perimeter offense to counter Jamar Smith and the rest of the Maryland Terrapins. However, Wisconsin failed to convert multiple times down the stretch, preventing their fourth consecutive victory and a win in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

"We had our chances," Morley said. "We just had a few mental lapses and we have to learn from this game and move forward."

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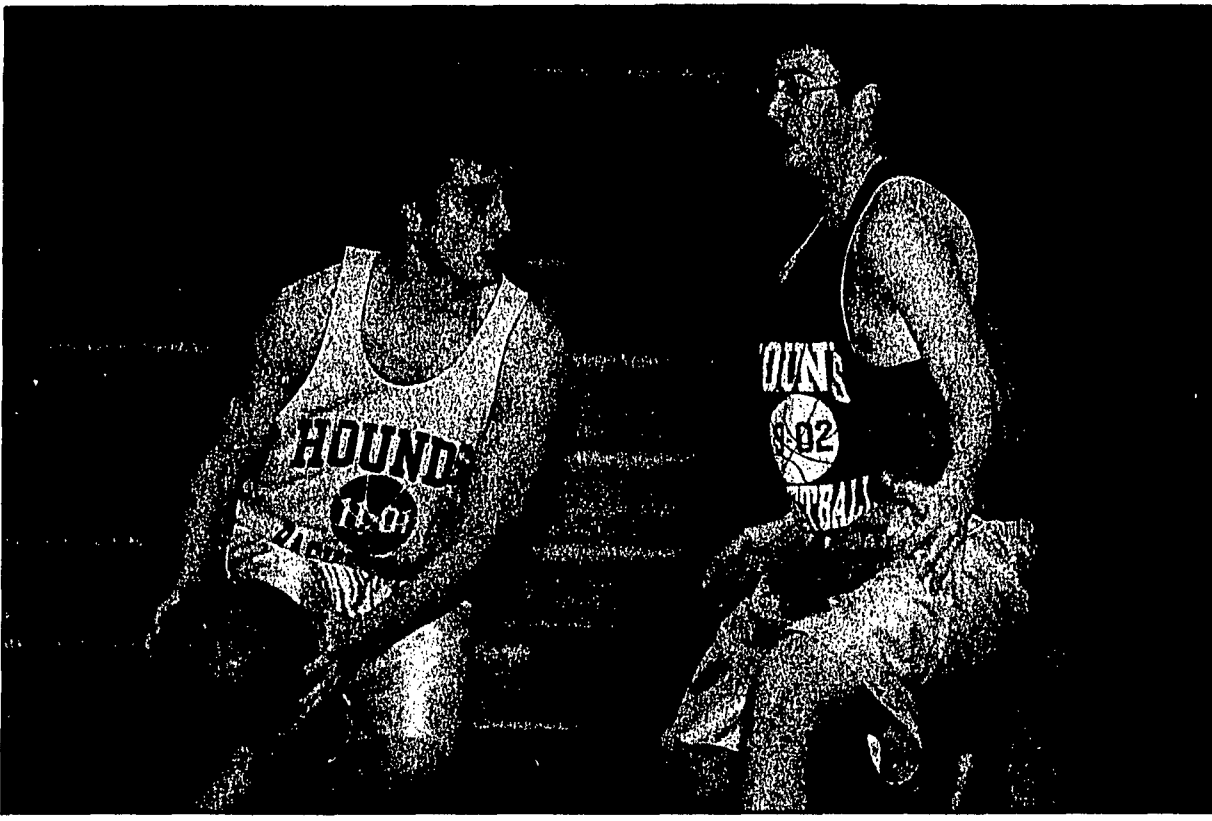


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Myles Burnsides attempts to pass around Mark Hendrix while practicing a motion offense during Monday's practice. The Spoofhounds get their season underway on Friday when they travel to Auburn, Neb. The team's home opener is next Monday against South Harrison.

'Hounds to start season in Nebraska, kick off home portion of schedule Monday

By ANDREW MADDEN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After a heartbreaking loss to Cameron in last year's district final and a disappointing 3-4 record in Midland Empire Conference play, Maryville hopes this could be their season to shine.

Mike Kuwitzky, entering his 18th season at the school, believes this team could really take the next step in both conference and district action after a 17-10 overall record last season.

"We want to learn, we want to get better, and we want to improve," Kuwitzky said. "Our goals were high for the team for this year, but we want to take them one game at a time. We lost three seniors that were pretty good shooters, but we have some good players coming back."

Maryville kicks off the season Friday at Auburn, Neb., and Kuwitzky knows it will be a challenge. Auburn defeated Maryville in last year's contest.

"Auburn is very good," Kuwitzky said. "They hit 12 out of 15 threes last year."

The 'Hounds then play district opponent South Harrison. They then take a short break before matching up with another district foe, Leblond. According to Kuwitzky, the two teams have developed quite a rivalry over the past few years, and it's always a highlight game on the schedule.

"(The Leblond game) is a tough game," Kuwitzky said. "We've had a nice little rivalry with them the last few years."

Senior Nate Morley is looking forward to the season. After a long offseason, he's looking forward to taking the court for the first time this season.

"We have been practicing really well, and the group is really good to be around," Morley said. "We have been practicing hard, playing hard and waiting for our first game."

Morley knows the first game will be a challenge, but he believes his team is up to it.

"We lost to them last year, and we hope to get some revenge," Morley said. "We just have to play well, play as a team and listen to Coach. He knows what he's talking about."



'Hounds soccer squad announces end of season awards

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Although the Maryville High School boys' soccer team did not have a winning season, many of the squad's players impressed other coaches in the league.

Coaches around the Midland Empire Conference voted in 11 'Hounds for the All-District team and eight 'Hounds for the All-Conference team.

"I think it shows a lot of respect that the other coaches have for our program," head coach Stuart Collins said.

The players on the soccer team also voted on six awards for other members



'Hounds soccer

POST SEASON AWARDS			
All-District		All-Midland Empire	
1st Team	Nic Zweifel	First Team	Honorable Mention
Wes Vooten	Brian Donnelly	Travis Smith	Ky Hill
Travis Smith	Ky Hill		Nic Zweifel
Dustin Henggier		Second Team	Wes Vooten
Keaton Guess	Honorable Mention	Clay Ferguson	Dustin Henggier
	Clay Ferguson	Brian Donnelly	Keaton Guess
2nd Team	Landon Bosisio		
Dylan Cloepfil	Chris Labe		

on the team.

Victor Sepulveda-Muro received the Rookie of the Year award, and Micah Taylor received the Most Improved Player award.

The second two awards were for the team's top offensive and defensive player.

Clay Ferguson, who finished with 15

goals and six assists, received the Offensive Player of the Year award, and Keaton Guess received Defensive Player of the Year.

The final two awards voted on by the team were the Most Valuable Player and the Hounds Spirit award, which is given to the player who keeps the team up and going and has a positive attitude.

Travis Smith was voted Most Valuable Player, and Stuart Kemper received the Hounds Spirit award.

All but three of the members from this year's team will be returning next season, and the 'Hounds are looking forward to having another good year.

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Sports in brief

Number of promotions set for Saturday's games

Northwest is offering two-for-one tickets for Saturday's games. The women's squad will be hosting a kids basketball clinic following their game against Mount Mercy.

The clinic is free and will take place between games in Martindale Gymnasium.

Both the men and women will have autograph sessions. The women will sign autographs during halftime of the men's game, and the men will sign autographs following their game.

Fourteen Bearcats make Academic Honor Roll

Several Northwest football players were named to the 2003 MIAA

Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

Seniors Gabe Middleton, Adam Otte, John Edmonds, Jared Findley and Nick Glasnapp made this year's squad. Juniors making the team were Eric Goudge, Andy Hampton, Troy Tysdahl and Morris White. Sophomores were Richard Quakenbush, Brandon Rogers, Eric Hoyt, Josh Lamberson and Jordan Wilcox.

Two Bearcats nominated for Athlete of the Week

Austin Meyer and Ashely Poptanycz were both nominated to be Wilson Athletes of the Week.

Neither was chosen as the winner. Brian Westre of Missouri-Rolla and Janelle Klein of Pittsburg State won the award.

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Your Man's last hurrah accompanied by a puff of smoke

Wow, so this has been a pretty eventful week for Your Man. Yeah, I went to classes, went home and sat around. It's a great life, let me tell ya! We've got a beautiful campus that just keeps getting better, great teachers and nice clean air to breathe. Well, unless you're walking anywhere on campus, that is.

So, there I was, taking a nice relaxing walk to the Union one day. I arrived at my destination, ready for a nice meal and a little time to myself, and suddenly, I could not breathe. Asthma, you may ask? No, not really. It's actually because there was a lovely cloud of smoke looming around the entrance to the building. No, the Union was

not on fire...but I think some of the people outside of it were.

Smoking has always been a prevalent habit everywhere, not just here at Northwest. Big name companies have been forced to quit using certain advertising techniques to avoid appealing to the younger generation, but I don't think it really matters since so many people walk around with smoky treats hanging out of their mouths.

One thing that we here at Northwest can do is try to cut down on the smoking in front of the Union. Not only has the school spent way too much money on renovations for us to screw it up with cigarette butts,



THE STROLLER

but the little kiddies over in Horace Mann can probably see everyone out there getting their daily nicotine fixes. Aren't we supposed to be role models for the younger generations? No wonder so many 12-year-olds are already smoking when their parents aren't looking!

Another thing that bothers me about walking through the smoke to get into the Union is the fact that I shouldn't have to. Yeah, smoking is allowed in front, but you're supposed to stay clear out in front of the building. This doesn't mean that you huddle under the overhang with three of your closest friends to stay warm and out of the wind. The big signs on the wall that say "No Smoking" really do mean "No Smoking." They are not just there for decoration...and don't give me any of this crap about using a

different entrance, either. I've tried that, and most of them are the same thing: A couple of big doors surrounded by smoke. Would it be so hard for you to walk 10 feet away from the building?

Maybe you should try to cut back anyway since it's getting colder outside. Save some of your money and buy a sled for the snow that is trying to overtake Maryville. Think about how much warmer you will be if you can wrap a scarf around your face between classes instead of letting the wind blow in your face while you suck on a cigarette. Cut back the amount you smoke each day by half and revel in

the extra energy you have while you're scurrying across campus to get to class on time!

Hey, I'm not telling you that you shouldn't smoke. You have every right to do whatever you want. It's kind of a win-lose situation, don't you think? I just think that you should try to cut back a little in front of the Union where all the people have to walk. Be a better role model for the little munchkins in Horace Mann. And for crying out loud, let us get into the Union with our lungs intact, even if yours are bound to fall off in a couple of years.

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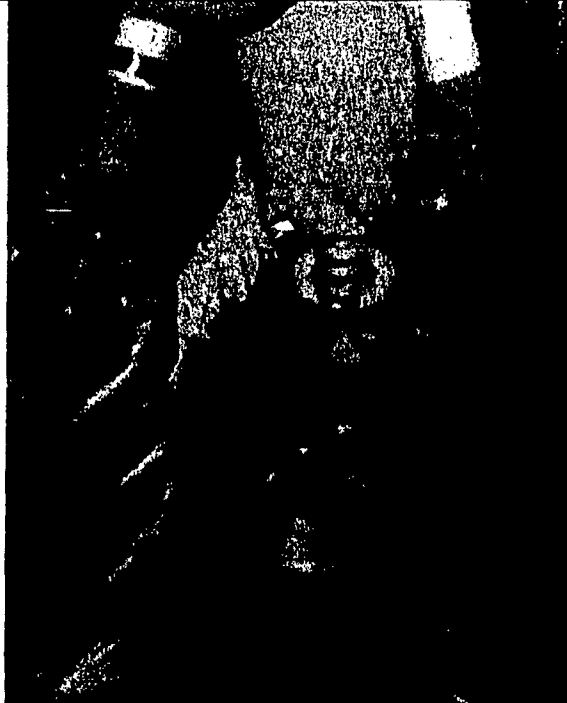
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